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THE TIMES

Commons vote brings TV coverage nearer

The House of Commons yesterday showed a SLAN shift of opinion in favour of televising its proceedings, but the change of view came only with the casting vote of the Deputy Speaker after a tied vote on Mr Austin Mitchell's Private that he with the casting vote of the Deputy Speaker after a tied vote on Mr Austin Mitchell's Private that he will be a supporter of the Liver of the Liv John-Stevas. Leader of the House.

Tie shows shift of opinion in favour

In Sy Hugh Noves
Correspondent

The House of Commons voted vesterday for the first time in arour of television coverage of is proceedings, but only after it is proceedings, but only after it is tried wote, 201 to 201, and the asting vote of the Deputy speaker, Mr Bernard Weather-

He told the House that to give MPs an opportunity of recon-idering the matter he would give his vote in favour of the

Although Mr Austin Mitch-Which only two MPs are per-which only two MPs are per-mated to speak, has little chance of making headway un-less given the breath of life-by the Government, the division figures show an interesting shift of opinion. 10 animus rule procedure, under

The last time the Commons The last time the Commons was tested on this issue was by Mr John Farr, Conservative MP for Harborough, in July, 1978, when MPs voted against television by 181 to 161, a majority of 20. In another vote in February, 1975, the figures were 275 to 263, a majority against of 12.

One member who voted vessel

One member who voted yesterday in favour of television coverage was Mr Norman St John Stevas, Leader of the House, who has much to do with deciding what matters come before the Commons for

s. Loud cheers for and against television greeted the division figures. Mr Stanley Cohen,
Labour MP for Leeds, South East. immediately challenged he Deputy Speaker's decision to break with the usual fied nte practice of voting for the

Mr Weatherill replied that ne had decided that on a mat-rer of this kind it would be right and fair to give the House the opportunity of cussing the matter again.

Long struggle before Bill becomes law

When Mr Mitchell, Labour
MP for Grimsby, a television
personelity before being elected to Parliament, named the
second reading date for his Bill
as March 7, there was a shout
of "Never" from one of the
darker recesses of the chamber.
Members from both the Con-Members from both the Con-cryative and Liberal Parties ere sponsoring the Bill. But although there has been a shift of opinion, no doubt owing much to the large intake of new, young MPs, Mr Machell has a long struggle before his Bill can become law.

He argued that a modern par-liament should no longer be a closed debating chamber in which members tried to sway The Commons, he said, was barile was fought out, the nation's great forum for issues of the day. Constituents had little knowledge of what was going on because they were

It would not belp people outside Parliament to read the sarbled accounts that they got in the quality newspapers.

Mr Stokes painted a grue-some picture of television cameras beaming in to pick out the luckless MP who was having a quiet doze, or to lay stress on the sensational, the trivial or the scandolous trivial or the scandalous.

Some MPs might even my to rog the cameras, and homes would be made uninhabitable as speeches were rehearsed in front of a mirror. The nation would be governed by cackles, shrieks, hysteria, shouting and gestures. Indeed, not a pretty thought.

Our Political Correspondent writes: Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Mr James Callaghan were among the 224 MPs who did not vote on Mr Mitchell's motion, but that does not mean they will not be given a chance later this session to express a

Special time may be provided

of it being reached.

The Government may decide, in view of the equal vote, that special time should be provided. Those opposed to televising the House claim that this is unlikely because, with the Government committed to reducing public spending, the estimated capital cost of 24,500,000 for the introduction of television will rule it out.

Air David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party, and most of his

voted for the colleagues, voted for the motion, but Mr Clement Freud, motion, but Mr Clement French,
MP for the Isle of Ely, the
party's official spokesman on
broadcasting, voted against.
Ministers who voted for the
motion included Mr Mark
Carlisle, Mr Norman Lamont,
Mr Michael Marshall and Mr

Both Government and Oppo-sition chief whips, Mr Michael Jopking and Mr Michael Cocks, and their deputies, Mr J. Etradling Thomas and Mr Walter Harrison, voted against. Members of the shadow Cabinet who voted for the motion included Mr Michoel Foot, Mr Wedgemed Renn Mr

Foot, Mr Wedgwood Benn, Mr Dems Healey, Mr John Silkin, and Mr Eric Varley. Sir Harold Wilson, the former Prime Minister, also voted in favour Minister, also voted in lavour of allowing the cameras in.
Ministers who voted against included Mr David Howell, Mr Paul Channon, Mr Neil Marten, Mr John Stanley, Mr Hector Monro, Mr Noman Tebbit, Mr David Minchell, Mr Neil Muchariane, Mr Douglas Hurd, Mr Rossell Fairgrieve and Mr Geoffrey Finsberg.

Radio gave only the impression of chaos and disorder.

Mr Mitchell said his Bill was a serious attempt to bring the Commons to the people and to bring this country into line with those European parliaments which allowed television

Mr John Stokes, Conservative MP John Stokes, Conservative MP for Halesowen and Stourbridge, strongly disagreed. He said Parliament's greatest days were when its proceedings were not published in any way.

If Mr Mitchell's Bill has to take its place in the queue of Private Member's Bills on March 7, there is little chance

Both Government and Oppo-

taking exercise at Romeo, one of the assembly points for guerrillas in Southern Rhodesia. Mr Nkomo said yesterday that negotiations were taking place to establish the nucleus of a new integrated Zimbabwe army (Nicholas

Washington, Jan 30

The Carter Administration is understandably delighted at

Canada's coup in smuggling out six American Embassy em-ployees from Iran but also

worried about the possible im-

pact of the escape on the 53 hostages left behind. [Mr Sadeq Qorbzadeh the Iranian Foreign Minister, vowed today to make Canada pay for

musgling the diplomats out

(Reuser reports from Tehran).
"We indicate that sooner or

later, somewhere in the world, Canada will pay for the action they have taken", he said. The

Foreign Minister added that the

clandestine departure of the six would probably make conditions worse for the remaining

American bostages.]
After a long lull in the Iran-ian crisis during which efforts to secure the release of the 50

hostages in the embassy and the

three diplomats in the Foreign

Ministry seemed to be getting

nowhere, the escape has pro-

Tanker oil

with a \$60m (about £26m) cargo of oil ther sank off the coast of Senegal on Jenuary 17 may have had its 193,000 townes of light crude taken off before it

went down.

A Tunisan crew member of

the ship who came through Paris

on his way home after the sinking has fold marine insurance

ing has hold marme insurance investigators of a bizarre cale of high seas skullduggery and oil dealing, resulting in the intentional sinking of the ship.

Insurers stand to lose \$84.2m for the loss of the Liberian registered Salem of 213,928 tones deadweight and its careo.

cargo.

The Salem had papers showing it was enroute from Kuwait to Italy around the southern tip of Africa when it went

It had changed owners just one month before and had its name changed before new

Insurance officials were first

insurance was officials said.

Ashford writes from Salisbury). He

New army plan: Members of Mr were taking place, but the supposi-Joshua Nkomo's Zipra forces seen Rhodesian security forces have been involved. Mr Nkomo said he had not seen Mr Robert Mugabe since his partner in the Patriotic Front guerrilla alliance returned at the weekend from Mozambique.

announced yesterday that Rhodesian did not say with whom the talks forces had assumed responsibility

US anxiety over hostages after

and for the American public

The Canadian Embassy here has reported a flood of con-gratulatory messages from all over the United States from

ordinary citizens, greatly cheered that someone has at last

got the better of the Iranian

Newspapers and the television

networks, of course, have made

much of the story and are

poised to interview as many of

the escaping diplomats as they can once they return to this country from their seclusion at

an American military base in

West Germany.
Today's newspapers are already filled with interviews with their friends and relatives,

tourist who escaped with them from the embassy building last

back to the United States

Canadiens.

November and managed to get

without the assistance of the

sighted the Salem listing heavily off the West African

coast. It picked up two intellocats with the 24-man crew when it each shortly exterward.

The Salem's Greek captain told his rescuers the ship had suffered an explosion the day

hefore, but insurance officials say no distress signal was sent

and no smoke appeared until it was signted by the British

ship 30 hours later.

The Tunisian sailor told investigators that after leaving Kuwait the Salem made an unscheduled stop off the coast of South Africa. He said that of

was unloaded there and re-placed with seawater so the

'pirated' before sinking

well as with an American

from the South Africans for the protection of the Rhodesian side of Beit Bridge. The announcement came on the eve of the United Nations Security Council debate on Rhodesia in which the controversial issue of South Africa's military presence in Rhodesia is expected to

be one of the main issues.

A spokesman for Lord Soames said the transfer of forces had been

taking place during the day and was The South African troops issue has probably been the most difficult problem Lord Soames has had to deal with. It is widely believed there are other South African units operating as part of

the Rhodesian security forces. This has not been officially confirmed. Mugabe will win, page 6

Mrs Thatcher fails on Iran warning of revenge on Canada | EEC budget summit credit side in the White Paper due in March on the tighter

Mrs Margaret Thanher mrs narganer managed, with open disappointment, than an early EEC summit to senie her be allowed to talk to the press when they return to this country after rest and talks demand for a reduction in Britain's more than £1,000m net with State Department officials, but he made it clear the diplo-mats were being advised to be discreet with their revelations. budget contribution, is unlikely.

Instead of next mouth—as the Prime Minister had accepted as her part in the compromise to last month's bitter Dublin summit—the next EEC summit is unlikely to be bold before March 31.

At the close of her two-day talks, with Signor Francesco Cossiga, the Italian Prime Minister and current EEC Presi-dent, the chances of his securing an earlier summit were left half open.

But Mrs Thatcher admitted at London press conference: "I less we were a long way towards agreement. There is no point in going to a special summit just to argue among ourselves. One needs to get the negotiarions almost to completion and the completion to be at the

She admitted she was "little disappointed"; but patience was not, she said, "one of my most obvious characteristics but I am trying hard to

The postponment will prevent

earn it now". the Government from including any EEC "rebate" on the

'Newsnight'

were accepted by the Associa-tion of Broadcasting and Allied

Staffs.

Both sides agreed yesterday

that monitoring arrangements should be set up to ensure smooth working between the

news and current affairs the first time they have been combined for a programme for

The union, after a meeting of

irs inter-branch liaison commit-

tee, insisted that the premise of like working with like—no "mixing" of news camera teams with current affairs staff

and vice versa -should be main

that led to the 30-ahead for Newsnight was that in the rare

circumstances where it might be necessary to mix staff it should be done with the autho-

rity of the programme's editor.
Mr D. A. Hearn, general secretary of the staff association,
said: "We decided to cooperate

with the programme in view of

assurances we were given on Tuesday. There will be a

monthly review by a monitoring

committee and a general review of the whole thing in three

new programme", they

The important concession

dispute

later said they would be allowed to return to Greece. Reports have said insurers is settled have refused to pay claims arising from the sinking, but sources involved in the case say By Kenneth Gosling Newsnight, the combined current affairs and news pro-gramme which BBC 2 hoped to from the ship's owners or the owner of the cargo, Shell Oil of Britain. present for the first time on Monday, went out last night after management assurances

20 vears.

placed with seawater so the ship would appear fully loaded. He said the ship then con-tinued around the Cape of Good Hope and started up the Exact ownership of the Salem was not clear. It is listed under western coast of Africa where the 24-man crew were given borus payments in Swiss francs and told to keep their mouths the name of Oxford Shipping of Monrovia, but sources said Greek shipping interests appear but. to have at least a part interest A mysterious explosion fol- in the ship.—UPI.

forthcoming until the hostages

are finally released. A State

Department spokesman said that the rescued diplomats will

The whole affair was "an

extraordinarily sensitive matter", a State Department

spokesman said today, and the less it was "blown up" the less harm was likely to befall

White House and State De-

partment officials have made it clear that they would have

preferred to escape to remain

secret as long as possible in the interests of the hostages

although they accept that this

difficult once the fleeing dip-lomas returned to their homes.

lowed and the ship started to settle slowly in the water, the sailor said.

Lloyd's agent in Dakar re-ported last week that an oil slick 24 miles long and five miles wide had been sighted in

the area where the ship went down, indicating at least some

of its cargo was still on board. Senegalese authorities de-

tained the captain and five

officers for almost two weeks for their own investigation, but

Survey on maths reveals decline

The first national survey of the performance in mathematics of 11-year-olds in England and Wales has shown there is a sharp decline when they apply basic knowledge in more complex settings Page 4

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Business News, pages 17-22
Stock markets: Equities and gilts retreated
yesterday, on profit taking and a speech from
the Chancellor on interest rates. The FT wanted was to bring together their skills and resources for

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Weather 2 arrangements to cover News 15, 18 night began a year ago, but when the BBC said it was to start on Monday the union felt this was "jumping the gun"
An "olive branch" was held
out yesterday when the EEC,
restored to the payroll association members who walked out

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demanding a "broad balance" in Britain's EEC payments and receipts, and demanded that it be agreed by the Dublin summit last month. When the other countries' leaders baulked a last minute compromise was that a February summit should

round of expenditure cuts in

1980-81. In asserting that £2,000m more cuts were her target, Mrs Thatcher frequently stated that this either included

the expected EEC £1,000m, or a substantial part of it.

Now, as in last November's White Paper, the Government will have to include the full

total as continuing expenditure.

Mrs Thatcher had set out

be sought But Mrs Thatcher admitted at Afghan crisis: The Afghan in-London press conference: "I vasion has brought home to believe it would be fatal to Europe the urgent need for a ve another early summit un-new means of rapid consultation with the United States

which must be ready and working before the next international crisis breaks (Peter Nichols writes). Mrs Thatcher said after her

talks with Signor Cossiga, that they had not yet arrived at devising the right mechanism for this quick consultation. There were still further disoussions to be undertaken within the Community. Signor Cossiga was similarly reticent.

Give-away day by BR for listed buildings

Transport Correspondent
British Rail is prepared to give away its historic buildings rather than let them crumble for lack of funds. This was for lack of funds. This was stated yesterday by Mr Bernard Kaukas, the railway board's Director, Environment, in an interview with The Times.

He said: "To every city or town with one of our redundant historic buildings I would say: take it off our hands. It is part of your harrisgna"

of your heritage". The alternative was The alternance was that many of these buildings would rot, because British Rail had no use for them, and could not afford the upkeep. It has 2.500 stations and 500 listed buildings on its books.

"The board, to its credit, has

on its books.

"The board, to its credit, has allocated £1.5m for environmental improvements this year", Mr Kaukas said.

"But we really need about £100m to spend on our buildings to bring them up to standard, and there is no chance of that"

of that." Without light, warmth, and

activity, these buildings, which in a fantastic era of rail deve-lopment between 1325 and 1850 include some of Britain's finest

nicing some of Britain's Tinest
nineteenth-century architecture,
will just decay.

The best hope was that local
authorities, conservation groups,
and others would find alternative use for them. This has
already happened in some

At Bristol where a trust will renovate and put to varied community use the old Temple Meads Starion; at Manchester where British Rail sold to Greater Manchester for £1 (then gave £100,000 towards renovation) the world's oldest railway station, Liverpool Road, due to feature in this year's celebration of the birth of steam.

Where buildings have a com-mercial value. Mr Kaukas emphasized, buyers would be required to pay it, even down to rural stations which people once hoped to buy for second homes at £2,000 but for which BR's property board, rightly when a new station could cost 5500,000, might new ask £20,000 British Rail's magnificent architectural heritage is caught in a three-way crunch, of which

the_cash_squeeze is one. The others are local authorities which refuse permission for the accompanying commercial development that would pay for a worthy new or refurbished station (like Oxford, whose historic city had to settle for a pre-fab in 1970 for that reason); and conservation societies who want British Rail to keep unused historic buildings just as they were out of what they imagine to be a bottomiess public purse.

That purse is empty, as Sir Peter Parker. BR chairman, remarked this week. "We can-not wash our face financially and wash our face of histor the same time", he said.

American bodies reported in Hanoi

Washington, Jan 30.-A report that the remains of more than 400 Americans missing in ection in the Vietnam wer were being kept in boxes in a warehouse in Hanoi would be taken up with Viennam, President Carter said today. A member of Congress had been told of the warehouse by a refugee.

Police see man over arms find

By a Staff Reporter A man was being questioned y the police and Ministry of Defence security officers yester-day after the discovery of arms, ammunicion and other military equipment in a bungalow at Sonning, near Reading Berk-

The arms were discovered last Friday by detectives from Thames Valley police during a routine search. Earlier the police arrested two men in Nottingham on suspicion of stealing government property. The Ministry of Defence said last night that the equipment con-sisted mainly of conventional small-calibre ammunition, much of it inert, and a number of amall calibre weapons.

The Ministry dismissed earlier reports that the find had included parts of a guided missile and said that many of be weapons were of no more

han historical value. Police who reclaimed the tems said that they included ome weapons made in the Sovier Union and other eastern ploc countries, which had been recovered from battlefields in he Middle East.

Much of the equipment is Relieved to have come from the Royal Aircraft Establishment at amborough Hampshire.

Union hopeful on steel appeal

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Mr William Sirs, general secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, appealed to his members to obey the Court of Appeal injunction forbidding industrial action against the private sector. Confederation leaders are confident that the Law Lords will allow an appeal that the Law Lords will allow an appeal against the injunction to be heard of Friday

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Carter plan to break Mid-East deadlock

Mr Sol Linowitz, President Carter's special Middle East envoy, is expected to put forward proposals at today's round of ministerial talks in Tel Aviv designed to bridge the wide gap between Israeli and Egyptian proposals for Palestinian auton-

Post office changes

Sir William Barlow, the Post Office chairman, told a Commons select cou-mittee he wants legislation designed to split the Post Office into two businesses to end the requirement for individual deliveries to flats with a common entrance. Changes would also allow "garden gate" letter boxes and single boxes covering whole estates Page ?

Snooping in Germany

Visions of Big Brother are disturbing West Germans, who learn that police are examining electricity bills in a hunt for terrorists. The terrorists ask their landlords to pay such bills to conceal their own names.

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Lire war on crime

takes out,

Tough legislation strenthening the hand of the Irish Republic's police in the fight against crime is being prepared by the Minister for Justice, Mr Gerry Collins, "to remove some of the advantages" enjoyed by criminals Page 3

Heart transplant: Schoolgirl whose heart was used in latest operation also left her kidneys and corneas for medical purposes Anti-abortion rally: Mr John Corrie tells

supporters after London march that his Bill does not go far enough 4 Athens: Olympic flame wings its way to the Winter Games

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Mr Sirs urges steelmen to obey ruling as union voices its confidence over appeal outcome

The Iron and Steel Trades Confederation yesterday went to considerable lengths to demonstrate its commitment to legality before the Law Lords give judgment on the extension of the state steel strike to the private sector.

It has sent a circular to branch secretaries rescinding all previous instructions to 20,000 private industry steelworkers to strike and picket. Mr William Sirs, general secretary of the ISTC, urged mem-bers to obey the Court of Appeal injunction against in-

officials of the union were told that the steelworkers' executive had voted to abide by the Denning decision "in the knowledge that our application for leave to appeal against the indgment is to be heard on Thursday and, if successful, then the hearing of the appeal would take place the following

day".

ISTC leaders were guardedly confident yesterday that the Law Lords would allow their overturn the lower court's judgment in their favour. The private sector strike would then executive tomorrow night.

Mr Sirs spent most of the day in wage negotiations with pri-vate sector employers belong-ing to the Midland Wages

the face by a stone when vio-

lence flared on a picket line

The company said that men wearing ISTC "official picket"

director, said 10 lorries were

pelted with stones as they left

theplant to deliver steel to

side window of one cab and hir

a driver in the face. His nose

was bleeding but he carried on.

A stone also shattered the wind-

screen of another lorry."
There was confusion among

and others maintaining that they would stay out until they

received written confirmation of

the ISTC executive's decision

rescinding all previous instruc-

tions to strike and picket.
Frances Gibb writes from
Corby: The strikers in Corby,

made clear vesterday that they

* A stone flew in through the

The talks were ad-

cent increase to 4,000 workers in the region. However that was rejected.

Mr Sirs then joined Mr Hector Smith, general secretary of the other main union involved in the strike, the blastfurnacemen, for discus-sions with Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, on progress made in talks between the British Steel Corporation and unions representing craft and general workers.

Those unions have reached agreement in principle on a pay and productivity scheme with British Steel, but the steel-workers and blasfurnacemen are unimpressed by the cor-

Mr Sirs said in Birmineham: "I understand the strong feelings of our people. They have been subject to a dispute not of our choosing. But I must urge, once again, that they democratically elected leadership of the union to meet the requirements of the Court of

Appeal.
"We will abide by the law in the confident expectation that the Law Lords will recognize that our actions have been perfectly legitimate through-

The blastfurnacemen, whose union is not named in the Court of Appeal injunction, continued picketing vesterday, in some cases taking the place of ISTC

About 200 pickets were

drafted to private firms and stockholders throughout the

outside the private steel firm of Hall and Pickles at Poyton, Cheshire, yesterday. No arrests where celled for additional there are an estiated 200

pickets to be sent to three fresh

Mr Skelton said: "As far as

badges were among a group of I am concerned, we are carrying Arthur Osman writes from flying pickets outside the works.

On until we receive different in Birmingham: Black Country Mr Alan Davis, divisional structions by letter. Then I am steelworkers were in a forceful

prepared to pass on any in-

structions to the men, but if

they insist on picketing, that's up to them."

appeal was dismissed, picketing was likely to continue. "The

men are hell bent on carrying

Corby steel workers on strike, estimated at more than

spread the strike, they had been living in an Alice in Wonderland world, he said.

The waiting for letters had simply increased their determin-

ation to see a satisfactory end

Tension at the Corby plant

Three union officials fro the

to the strike, he said.

on", he said,

steel workers yesterday with 3,000, believed that for the last some workers in the private fe wdays, with the indecision sector returning to their jobs and confusion over the call to

made clear yesterday that they mounted yesterday after Mr intended to continue with the Harold Ford, managing director

decision.

Mr Michael Skeiton, strike 10 per cent loss in orders which coordinator of the ISTC, said the men were likely and the strike could in turn lead to the men were likely and the strike could.

He said that if the union's

Lorry driver hurt by stone outside plant

journed for a week after the workers to avoid legal conflict. companies offered a 13 per The union will take over some private sector picketing. Mr. Smith said yesterday: "Our boys will be picketing as normal. There is no injunction

> A TUC delegation is to meet Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, the Chancellor, and Sir Keith Joseph and Mr James Prior, Secretaries of State for industry and employment, this afternoon to press union demands for subsidies on United Kingdom-produced coking coal and for greater consultations on British Steel's plant closure pro-

> gramme. The unions want British Steel's plan to lose 52,000 jobs over the next eight months to be suspended to allow time to reach a "reasonable accom-modation" on the future of steelworks

Welsh miners are threatening an all-our strike from March 10 if British Steel does not go back on its proposal to run down the steel industry in the area. Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the Yorkshire miners, told The Times last night that if sariking South Wales miners picket his coalfield "I cannot see any of members crossing those picket lines" He called on the TUC to

light of the judgment.

Corby branch of the ISTC have

been suspended fro office be-cause they had been refusing to

steel workers still going into the plant to work, including a

and uncompromising mood. A

tour of some private manufac-

turing and rerolling plants that they have stopped supported

the statement by many on the picket lines that "they stay

Today about 200 representa-tives of the 10,000 private sector workers in the West

Midlands meer in Birmingham

to discuss the ISTC instruction.

pected hardline attitude that

came yesterday when 30 mem-bers of the Bilston-area strike

committee met to discuss events. The first words set the mood when delivered in the flat Black Country vernacular thus:

We are telling you that the

divisional officers and the executive can get—".

Mr Dennis Turner, chairman of the meeting, said later: "It was very forceful indeed". Mr Clive Lewis, a divisional

general mood and unequivocal

Some indication of the unex-

nuber of ISTC ebers.

closed "

the men were likely to continue job losses. Already 5,500 jobs organizer of the ISTC, was also picketin gas individuals even are due to go from the plant present. He said: "From the one company singled out for between March and September.

assist the steelworkers and said that if the appeal failed it might be necessary for the TUC to discuss overall tactics in the Scargill profile, page 14 | self.

Why Law Lords have found common cause with unions against Court of Appeal's industrial decisions

Lord Denning : Another 5-0

His book, The Discipline of Law, published last year, raised the same issue: whether the

courts of law could restrain

associations who abused or mis-

score against him?

Suspicion that Lord Denning is biased

Legal Correspondent

The Law Lords are strange bedfellows of the trade unions, but they have, in recent years, found common cause in not finding pronouncements by Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, to their liking.

There will be an air of de la entendu about todav's request by the steel union for. leave to appeal to the House of Lords against last week's Court of Appeal decision. Most of the Law Lords-and,

it must be said, many other members of the judiciary believe that Lord Denning is now allowing his passionate concern for justice to get in the way of his adherence to the law. Trade unions feel that Lord

Denning is anti-union—a view now shared by almost the whole labour movement. They sincerely believe that he is manipulating the law in order to favour employers and to bash unions; and that this is a political stance, not a legal

They point to some of his extra-judicial remarks: when, for instance, in a speech in Canada last year, he said that the power of the trade unions posed the greatest threat to the rule of law Mr Michael Foot responded

If their attitude and views are

still the same tomorrow only

one outcome seems possible.

There is certainly no question

of them going back before the

Lords' decision.
The meering represented

about 6,500 private sector wor-

ers from 15 plants. Mr Turner said: "It has been an expres-

sion of total solidarity with the

public sector and the status

quo remains as iar as they are

concerned with 100 per cent re-

Tim Jones and Donald Macintyre write from Cardiff:

Steel workers in South Wales

were divided in their immediate response to the ISTC decision

to call off action in the private

About 3,900 workers at Gues

Keen and Nettlefolds in Cardiff.

the biggest private firm in

South Wales, will return to

workers remained on strike and maintained pickets at entrances

to the plant. Local officials Rouald Kershaw and David

Nicholson-Lord write from Yorkshire: Picketing continued outside several leading private

steel firms in the area yester-day as strike coordinators

brought in men from other

special treatment was the Arthur Lee plant in Sheffield.

But at Duport, Llanelli, 1,000

maining out.

work today.

Sector.

Even if they did not have his public, non-judicial statements to go on, the unions have found by saying that the remark was adequate ammunition in some grotesque and that Lord Den-ning had made an ass of himof the cases Lord Denning has decided, especially over the last

in his mind.

vate person, his court granted an injunction stopping post office unions from going ahead with a proposed boycott of South African mail In doing so he criticized the Attorney General, then Mr Sam Silkin of the Labour government. The House of Lords, by a 5-0 majority, eventually reversed that decision, upheld the Attorney General, and had a few harsh (by police legal standards) words to say about Lord Denning's approach.

Last year alone Lord Denning made some critical remarks about the unions whose unlawful" conduct had caused the schools to shut in Haringey; he arracked the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service and suggested it was in danger of becoming a "tool of powerful trade unions"; and

his Court of Appeal upheld an injunction against the National Graphical Associa-tion forbidding it from blacking certain advertisements, with Lord Denning making some trenchant remarks about the union's interference with the freedom of the press.

used their powers was, he said Perhaps most spectacularly, he stopped the National Union the most important question affecting society today". The context makes it clear that of Journalists from telling its members to black copy pre-pared by the Press Association, in doing so formulating two trade unions were uppermost criteria governing the defini-tion of a "rade dispute" which would render the trade union's immunity inoperative. Once again the House of Lords majority against Lord Denning was 5-0

Social security benefit paid to 20,000 strikers

By Pat Healy

Nearly six out of seven striking steel workers are receiving no cash help from social security, according to figures dis-

closed to The Times yesterday. Although more than 135,000 steel workers are on strike, only 20,000 have received any payment from the special social security centres established in steel towns a week after the

strike began on January 2. The 20,000 strikers had been receiving an average of £22.42 a week for their wives and families up to January 22. But that average is expected to fall soon because some of the unions involved are beginning to pay an avestrike benefit. That is taken week.

into account in assessing the amount of supplementary benefit payable. Although only a minority of strikers have received any social security for their dependents, the cost had risen to nearly £790,000 by January 22. In addi-

single strikers have shared £260 in the past two weeks. Since the total cost is running now at an average of about £390,000 a week, social security payments to strikers for their dependants is believed to have

passed £1m at the beginning of In 1979, 50,000 strikers shared £2.5m in benefits for dependants at an average payment of £17.39 a week. Another 251 single strikers shared £6,100 at

£50 fines for pickets

Two pickets arrested outside admitted obstructing the police. Sheerness Steel, Kent, were Both had been held in

Sheerness Steel, Kent, were Both had been held to fined £50 each at a special custody overnight before appearing before the court. Mr Colin Dunster for the prosecutive men were agrested Sandor Kamper, aged 20, and tion, said the men were arrested

Ian Girdham, aged 22 both from Scunthorpe, were part of a group of about 50 flying pickets sent to Sheerness Steel rules and you chose to break from south Humberside. They

ance to the claim for a reduc-

improves. new channel competing
The Home Secretary repeated ITV 1 for advertising.

NW England, Lake District, Isle of Mau, NE England: Occasional rain or snow, moderate falls on hills. Drier and brighter in afternoon; wind NE fresh to strong, gale in exposed parts; max temp 3 to 5°C (37 to 41°F).

Roschem SW Espaland Northern

Borders, SW Scotland, Northern Ireland: Cloudy, a little snow at first, otherwise dry and bright; Wind NE, fresh to strong, gales in

wind ME, Iresh to strong, gales in exposed places; max temp 2° to 4°C (36° to 39°F).

Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Morav Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals, snow showers; Wind NE to N, fresh or strong, locally gale at first; max temp 2° to 3°C (36° to 3°F).

Glasgow. Central Highlands, Argyll. NW Scotland: Sunny inter-vals, snow showers; Wind NE to N, fresh to strong; max temp 2° to 3°C (36° to 37°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Satur-

End of post deliveries to flats forecast

An end to postal deliveries to individual flats in blocks was predicted by Sir William Barlow, the Post Office chair-

man yesterday. Sir William told a House of Comons Select Coittee that he would like to see the new legislation due to go before Parliaent in the autum drop the legal requireent for individual. deliveries to flats where thereis a coon entrance.

The legislation, although pri-arily designed to split the Post Office into two businesses, one dealing with relecounications and the other with postal and banking services, will also consider other aspects of the operation, including a possible relaxation of the onopolies held by both sectors.

The Post Office is at present copiling its views on the for the legislation should take. It expects to subit the to the Secretary of State for Industry in the next three onths.

A change in the law would

also enable such developments as "garden gate" letter boxes and single boxes covering housing estates to be installed. At present Britain gives a more comprehensive delivery service than any other country in the world and "sweeping changes may be needed if it is not to become too expensive", Sir William said.

An increase in the number of delivery points with a drop in the volume of mail is said to be one of the reasons why postal productivity has declined Actording to the Post Office Users' National Council (POUNC) an extra postman is

Another economy which is under consideration is the reduction to a single delivery each day. That has already been introduced in some rural areas and an extension was included in proposals made by the Post Office to the Carter Review Committee in 1977.

would help to overcome the problem of uneven loading of

work and make more effective With staff charges accounting for over 80 per cent of overheads, there was little scope for increased productivity with

out changes in the service, Sir William said He rejected the accusation by POUNC that the 2n increase in post tariffs due to take effect on Monday was a "soft option". If we had not increased our prices now we could not have mer the Gov. ernment's financial targe which had been fixed on th assumption that wages would increase by only 5 per cent while the actual increase way

Productivity in terms of the volume of mail handled per worker per hour had declined in the 10 years to 1976. Since then it had increased slightly until last year when there was a further decline. Standards of service which fell sufficiently below acceptable levels last summer for Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, to order a special investigation

have recently improved.

Dailey arrears of mail which had exceeded 31 million letters in July had dropped to 1.5m. the lowest for about two years this month. Sir William ex-uerted that the monthly per-formance figures would reflect that improvement.

Discussions are in progress between the Post Office and the Department of Industry about communications after a recendownward revaluation of assets The target had been set a 5 per cent return on net asset revalued at replacement cos needed for every 400 new for three years starting las addresses.

April. Sir William would like to see a new figure of 61 pe cent introduced which he con siders would allow for fundto be generated for investmen

in new equipment.
The Post Office is in the middle of a very large investing ment programme, costing overlile fig. 1,000m to install new tele The Post Office wants to halve the number of deliveries and spread the remaining service over a considerably longer period. The argument is that a once over the ground service westment from loans then is a vertice of the investment for light to the investment from loans then is a present specific to the investment from loans then is a present specific to the investment from loans then is a present specific to the investment from loans then is a present specific to the investment from loans then is a present specific to the investment from loans then it is a present specific to the investment from loans then it is a present specific to the investment from loans then it is a present and in the latter than the phone exchange equipment is a property of the investment had a property of present available under existing cash limits.

Broadcasting Bill will set out shape of Channel 4 By David Hewson

Mr. William Whitelaw, the a course last night when he sai Home Secretary, said last night that unless there was a Bill of that the Government intends to the fourth channel this year publish next week its Broadcast the new service would not going Bill which will set out the off the ground at any time t shape of the new fourth tele, the future.

short of predicting that the channel would be operating from its intended date of 1982 and said that the Bill would provide a framework for its structure.

"There are those who are questioned the time of the reduce their levy which a questioned the time of the fourth year provided the Government with £70m. "There are those who have channel which we have said we hope will be in 1982, but it is io look thai iar ahead. he told a conference of adver- Broadcasting Authority, but tising executives organized by the magazine Campaign.

There has been speculation during the past few months that although the Government's support for a fourth channel undimmed in principle, it is concerned about the loss of revenue its formation would

One move which has been considered by the Cabinet has been to publish a Bill containing the fine print of the channel's operation, but to delay the starting date until the economy

Mr Whitelaw made it cles

that the Government does at intend to depart from a original plan to make the channel initially dependent c contributions from the ITV operators, thereby diminishing their profits which will, in tur

He said that the new channeling will be run by the Independen separate programme plannin board will be set up by the IBA to control output.

The board will not be und the control of the ITV 1, 1 said, a prospect which had bee feared by many of the indepedent producers who are looking to the new channel for mut of their future work.

He repeated the argumen. which he set out in a spee to the Royal Television Socie

last November in which ruled out the possibility of the

strikes against cuts Mr Fred Jarvis, general sec-retary of the National Union of A union official in London Teachers, yesterday defended strikes by some members which

Teachers' leader defends

have closed nine schools in He also said that striking

teachers could not be sued by parents for breach of contract. Mr Jarvis said in a statement that the three-day strike was aimed at "persuading the authority to change course on a policy of cuts which are harming children's education".

He added: "Effective legal

action by parents is not possible in these circumstances, the NUT considers. An NUT official who was asked to clarify Mr Jarvis's claim said: "People who are

not parties to a contract cannot

sue for breach of contract".

said the action had resulted in a few resignations which had been outweighed by other people joining the union. The strikes end tonight but there will be more, at different

week and the week after. Yesterday 8,000 secondary school pupils missed classes for

a second day as more than 300 teachers went on strike. In Coventry, NUT members will strike for half a day on

cuts that they say are planned. In Scotland a group of teachers in Glasgow and Edinburgh yesterday staged an unofficial one-day strike in protest at the time being taken to settle a pay award.

February 11, in protest at staff

renewal contest By Our Planning Reporter

announced vesterday that they had submitted a joint bid for the redevelopment of the Surrey Docks in London.

One of the sticking points may be that the two companies appear to want detailed, rather than mere outline, planning permission at an early stage that is a direct result of Taylor Woodrow's difficulties with Tower Hamlets council over the redevelopment of St Katha-

from abroad. He promised that there would be an early decision.

used on Tuesday in Britain's eight heart transplant, also gave her kidneys and her corneas for transplantation, it was disclosed

Mr David Watkin, the con-

sultant surgeon at Leicester Royal Informacy in charge of

Miss Morris's case, said that

One was used in Leicester

and the other was sent to New-

castle upon Tyne after doctors

had approached the centre at

Cambridge, was "stable" ves-terday. The hospital said: "His

new heart is working satisfac...

both kidneys were removed.

London dockland Print workers make 28% pay claim Leaders of 180,000 print Graphical and Media Personnel

workers yesterday put a 28 per cent pay claim to employers in the general printing industry and provincial newspapers. The Society of Graphical and Allied Trades (Sogat) and the National Graphical Association (NGA) asked for a minimum of

working week from April 24.

A third union, the National secretary, said his union Society of Operative Printers, attached considerable import-

at Maidstone Crown Court, Kent. yesterday the sight he found in an old people's sea-side boarding bouse when they were called to take a woman

so dirty she was almost un-

recognizable as a person, it was

stated. She was lying on a filthy

Before the court are Dorothy Jones, aged 54, the landlady, and her husband, John Thomas

Jones, aged 58, who have both denied the manslaughter of the women. Mrs Mary Billinghurst,

to hospital.

Miss Carol Morris, the schooling a kidney donor card, died girl, aged 16, whose heart was after her moped was in collision

Woman in home was

almost unrecognisable'

An ambulanceman described say that Mrs Billinghurst would Maidstone Crown Court, not let them call a doctor and

(Natsopa), said details of its claim were still being formulaof the other two unions.

The claim included £17.79 of

new money, consolidation of £3.96 and a flat supplement of £5 which would not count in

refused food.

Mr Reginald Wright, an

ambulanceman, said that Mrs

Billingburst's room at Hatfield Road, Margate, Kent, was filthy. He could hardly recog-nize a person in the bed. She

was covered with a single blan-

ket and coat and was fully dressed. She was so light it hardly needed two men to lift

her. Mr Roy Williams, another

ambulanceman, said Mrs Bil-

linghurst's condition was appalling. She died in hospital the

Dr Peter O'Donnell said she

was wasted, dehydrated and suffering from malnutrition and

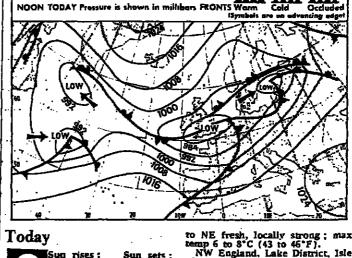
The trial continues today.

next day.

hypothermia.

tion in the working week. claim were sull being formula-red but it supported the claim Printing Industries Federation and the Newspaper Society, said they hoped to give a reply in about two weeks. They added that the unions'

claims would prove "very expensive indeed" at a time of marked resistance to price





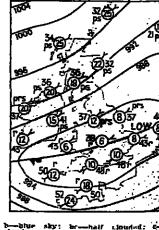
Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
An active depression will move
E across S Enland.

land: Outbreaks of rain, but some suchly intervals during morning; wind South West fresh to strong, veering N later; max temp 10° to 11°C (50° to 51°F).

East Anglia, Midlands (E), East England, Midlands (W), S Wales, N. Wales, Central N England: Rain, heavy at time; Hill, fog; Some snow later, becoming drier

Some snow later, becoming drier Sea passages: S North Sea, during evening; wind mostly E Strait of Dover, English Channel

day: Colder with frost, sunny intervals, snow showers in N and E. More general rain or snow in SW later.



(E): Wind SW, strong to service perhaps severe gale, veering Net sea rough or very rough.

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Bristol which matches donated kidneys with recipients. Mr Watkin said: "The corneas were also taen and I believe that they have been The condition of the heart recipient, Mr Nigel Olney, aged 35, who is in Papworth Hospital.

AMERICA AND THE HOUSE OF KENNEDY February issue of The Illustrated London News on sale now, 65p

'a big challenge '

Two of Britain's largest con-struction companies Taylor Woodrow and George Wimpey,

Their proposals include million so ft shopping centre, a 1,250-bed hotel, 200,000 so ft of offices and 250 homes. They estimate that the scheme will eventually provide some 12,000

Proposals for the site, potentially one of the most valuable in Britain, were invited by the Greater London and Southwark councils last November. At that time Taylor Woodrow had, through a subsidiary, put for-ward a similar plan, which the councils described as prema-

rine's Docks. rine's Docks.

In November Sir Horace
Cutler, leader of the GLC, said
he expected to receive a large
number of bids, including some

The prosecution says that their reckless indifference to her care led to her death on March 31, 1979. The defendants Heart girl gave kidneys, corneas

> said that by Sunday is became clear that although breathing and heartbeat were being maintained by a ventilator, her brain Standard clinical tests to establish brain death were per-formed and when there was no response after a 12-hour interval, arrangements for the

> with a lorry near her home at Houghton on the Hill, Leicester, on Friday night. Mr Watkins

transplants were made.

Mt Watkin said that Miss Morris's father had suggested that her heart should be used when doctors discussed with him the possibility of kidney transplan He said that as she did not survive the accident she would

like some good to come of it

Surgeons from Papworth Hospital flew to Leicester from the United States Air Force hase at Alconbury, Cambridge

shire, the heart and other

cooled, and the five-hour trans-plant operation was completed just before 6 am on Tuesday morning after the team flew back to Papworth. Mr Watkin said that the fact that Miss Morris had carried a donor card had made it easier to raise the question of trans-The hospital praised the

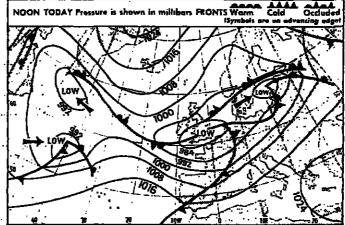
vision ` of Carol and her "These successes upon the vision of parents. donors such as Carol Morris and her parents for whose inspiration and support we are deeply grateful." About 24 million kidney donor cards have been dis-tributed since 1972 by the Department of Health, which

surgeons say, however, that relatively few donors carry the cards. - A further campaign encourage use of the cards is

has spent an estimated \$200,000

on promoting them. Transplant

Weather forecast and recordings

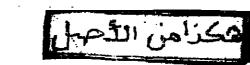


Today

Full moon: Tomorrow Lighting up: 5.17 pm to 7.10 sm. High Water: London Bridge 1.17 am, 6.8m: 1.41 pm. 6.9m. Avonmouth 6.48 am. 12.6m: 7.13 pm, 12.7m. Dover 10.41 am. 6.2m: 11.02 pm. 6.4 m. Hull 5.49 am, 6.8m: 6.01 pm, 7.0m. Liverpool 10.55 am, 8.9m: 11.16 pm, 8.8m. 1 Foot = 0.3048m 1m = 3.208ft

London, SE England, central S England, Channel Islands, SW Eng-land: Outbreaks of rain, but some

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c. cloud; f, fair: r, rain (&, suo ; sn. snow.



EEC scheme for extra

spending in Britain

London explains what it would like to do with its rubbish

The Greater London Council said yesterday that it would like to be rid of its responsibility for the disposal of London's household rubbish, which it finds an increasingly expensive

tons of rubbish is collected in the capital and the council has to get rid of it. If it were to be dumped in Trafalgar Square all that would be visible of Lord Nelson on his 145-foot column after a week would be his term. after a week would be his hat. If the three million tons of household rubbish produced in London each year were put in the 342 acres of Hyde Park it would cover it to a depth of 30

Most of the six million tons of industrial and commercial waste produced in London each year is handled by the private disposal industry and the GLC is trying to get it to help with the household rubbish.

The council called a meeting in London yesterday to explain

why it would prefer to supply raw materials to profitable enterprises rather than to col-lectors and disposers of unwanted waste.

Behind the humour of the conference's title-Talking Rubbish—there was a crisis. It is estimated that by 1990 the amount of household rubbish collected each year will increase to four million tons and to more than five million by the end of the century.

Almost all of the refuse is disposed of in holes in the ground outside the greater Lonto search farther and farther

The costs of solid waste disposal have risen substantially over the past few years and will troller of operational services,

The cost in 1974.75 was £13.5m, in 1978.79 it was about £24m, but by 1982.83 the figure could well have risen to £35m. Refuse disposal costs the iverage London household Every day more than 11,000 about 181p a week, but the GLC is wondering how long it can

continue to provide a service that is economically efficient and environmentally safe.

"We are looking at the best ways to turn rubbish into energy, and reclaim valuable raw materials for further use". Mr Peterken suid. "All that we have to do now is make it economically viable—and there's

"If it were possible to use all London's waste to generate electricity it would provide all the electricity that London Transport uses. It is the GLC's view that energy should be recovered from waste wherever technically feasible and cost-effective."

The council was looking at the use of solid waste as a sup-plementary fuel for existing industrial furnaces and the pro-duction of waste-derived fuel

in pellet form, We are also trying to involve the private sector more in providing and running transfer stations." Mr Peterken said. Would private companies be interested, for instance, in operating energy or resource re-

covery plants to handle some of our waste, with associated re-covery of ferrous metals?

Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, told the conference that he hoped authorities in the rest of the country would note the example set by London and consider the scope for increasing the involvement of the private continue to do so". Mr sector in the whole range Laurence Peterken, GLC con-local authority services.

French nuclear accident upsets Channel Islands

From Our Correspondent

The Channel Islands have sked the French authorities to tell them of any accident at the Cap de la Hague nuclear reprocessing plant, however small and even if it is not conidered to affect the islands.

The request came after a of radioactive waste from a damaged pipe at Moulinets Cove, on the Normandy coast. In reply to a question in Guernsey's parliament yester-day Deputy Colin McCathie, president of the civil defence committee, said that the island authorities had learnt of the

leak only through press reports and had asked that they should be informed directly of all meeting of the Channel Islands joint advisory council on com-mon environmental problems, a

Driving ban on TV actress

Barbara Knox, the actress who plays Rita Fairclough in the television series Coronation Street was banned from driving for two months by magistrates at Whitminster, Gloucestershire,

vesterday for her second speed-ing offence within a few weeks. Mrs Knox, aged 46, of St Mar-garet's Road, Bowdon, Cheshire, was also fined £65. She was said to have travelled at 101 mph on the M5 in Gloucestershire.

body set up primarily because of French nuclear developments on the Cotentia Peninsula, was to be held soon to study the French safety plans as they applied to the islands.

Concern has been growing in the Channel Islands about the risk of nuclear pollution since

the French announced plans to increase the capacity of the Cap de la Hague reprocessing plant and to build a large nuclear power station at Flam-anville, only 30 miles from Guernsey, Anti-nuclear groups are using car stickers saying "Nuclear neighbours, non!" and "You are in a French

nuclear zone".

Mr McCathie told Guernsey
MPs that if an incident at the Cap de la Hague plant was likely to affect the islands. Jersey's defence committee and Guernsey's civil defence com-mittee would be notified

Jail death caused by pneumonia

The family of George Wilkinson, aged 33, of Ferryhill, co Durham, who died in Walton jail, Liverpool, has been told that a pathologist who carried out a post-mortem at their request found that he died of

bronchial pneumonia.

They had asked for the second examination because they said that Mr Wilkinson had appeared "drugged". He was serving 10 years

Orphaned at 5. On the

streets at 6.

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Judge gives

WEST EUROPE

ultimatum to Madrid editor

From Our Correspondent Madrid, Jan 30

The editor of the Madrid newspaper which last Friday reported an alleged military plot to overthrow the Governwas today summoned before a military judge and ordered to reveal within 48 hours the sources and the author of the front-page report. It is the second time that Sanor Miguel Angel Aguilar, aged 36, of the Madrid evening Diario-16, has appeared before military authorities since the publication of the story which was rapidly and vigorously denied by the Government.

Senor Aguilar faces charges of disrespect to the armed forces. He could be sent to prison for three years

The story carried a headline saying : " An attempted military coup has been thwarted in Mad-rid". A sub-headline said: "For this reason the commander of the armoured division. General Torres Rojas, was dis-

missed yesterday".

Despite official denials, there were strong indications that there were at least serious conversations about the need for possible military intervention among some officers, even if the matter did not come to a head in the form of a definite

The general mentioned in the story took up his post this week as military governor of the north-western province of La

Corunna.

The transter to that post from his former job as commander of the combat ready Brunete armoured division, stationed on the outskirts of Madrid, was alleged by the newspaper to be the result of discovery of the alleged scheme to oust Senor Adolfo Suarez, the Prime Minister, and replace him with a

The Defence Ministry maintained, however, that the trans-fer was a routine one. Colonel shot: An army lieutenant-colonel was wounded today in an attack at Munguia in the Basque country's Vizcaya Pro-

to close £1,000m gap

Brussels, Jan 30

A proposal for a special credit line in the EEC budget through which to channel extra Community spending in Britain was approved here rouight by the European Commission. The aim would be to help close the £1,000m gap between Britain's payments to and receipts from

The

instructed to prepare such pro-posals by heads of government at their last summit meeting in Dublin. The main criterion laid down then was that any extra EEC spending in Britain should "contribute to greater economic convergence". This is EEC jargon for saying het such expenditure should

Commission

help to reduce the disparities in wealth between countries and regions within the Community. It also serves to identify, it somewhat spuriously, a Community interest in measures tailored essentially to help only one country.

The Commission has not proposed specific projects so much as types of spending that could be justified under the convergence heading. These are under-stood to include roadbuilding, urban and industrial renewal the coal industry and regional development (Northern Ireland is specifically mentioned).

No figure is put on the amount of spending that might be generated by these means. The Commission carefully The Commission carefully leaves this to heads of Government who are pledged to pursue the budget dispute at their next summit meeting in Brussels, which now looks most unlikely to take place in February as had originally been hoped. The meeting may not take place before the end of March.

The Commission gives no backing to the idea of a "selfcorrecting mechanism" peddled by Sir Ian Gilmour, the Lord Privy Seal, during his recent tour of EEC capitals. This would involve automatic payments to Britain each year to

bring its receipts per head from the Community budget up to a stipulated percentage of the EEC average.

A system for giving Britain a refund of about £350m on its gross contribution to the budget was informally offered to Mrs Thatcher in Dublin but rejected by her as inadequate. The commission presumes, though this cannot be certain, that this offer is still available. Other memberstates have made it quite clear, however, that a second refund mechanism on the receipts side

is our of the question.

The basic problem which the Commission has tried to circumvent in its proposal is that existing funds that might be tapped to help Britain, such as the social and regional funds, are too small to provide relief on the scale required and cannot easily be used to benefit only one country. The Commission is understood to leave open to review the question of the duration of any special arrangements for Britain.

Whatever the fate of the Commission's proposal at the hands of heads of government, it already appears certain that Mrs Thatcher will have to be content with substantially less than the £1,000m she was demanding previously if she wants to avoid creating a major crisis in the Community.

Summit plans: Mr Roy Jenkins, President of the EEC Com-mission, will discuss plans for the next EEC summit with Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, in Bonn

A spokesman for Mr Jenkins said in Brussels that they will review moves to solve the problem of Britain's demand for a big cut in its contribution to the Community budget rhis year. EEC officials say the summit is now expected to be held on March 31 and April 1, but nothing is fixed firmly yet.

The choice of date is up to Signor Francesco Cossiga, the Italian Prime Minister, who is President of the European Council for the first half of 1980.—Reuter.



The Pope watching a contortionist who went to his weekly audience yesterday with other performers working for the Togni Circus.

Eurocommunism 'alive in Spain'

From Harry Debelius Madrid, Jan 30

Senor Santiago Carrillo, leader of the Spanish Communist Party, said today that Eurocommunism was far from dead despite French Cambarante for the Purchase munist support for the Russian intervention in Afghanistan.

Answering questions at a foreign correspondents' lunch here, he said: "Euro Communism is alive and not just by chance. It's alive because there are partees like the Italian Communist Party and the Spanish Communist Party and some others which continue to defend the Eurocommunist line and which consider that in the present conditions of serious—very serious—interserious—very serious—inter-national tension, such a policy is more necessary than ever."

The Soviet action in Afghanistan was "unjustifiable" and he could not understand it. Yet he lamented that a wave he lamented that a wave of international criticism, such as that which had arisen over

tht Afghanistan affair, had nor been provoked by previous actions of "American ifperia-

Using the word "invasion" to describe the Soviet move, he tpeated that his party "hos the independence of a country. which seriously aggravates worl dtension... We are in favour of the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanis-

However, he condemned President Carter for the policy of boycotting the Olympic Games in Moscow. "It seems to me that boycotting the Olympics is an imbecile idea, w hich will only strengthen th the USSR is being blockaded. as it has been in other periods. This will ferment a nationalis-tic tendency which will be of no help at oll in solving world

"I think the Spanish Gov-ernment would be mistaken to

Blympic Games in oscow", he said "I think the lympics are not in fact above politics, nothing is above politics these days, but nevertheless there should be some meeting place where the events of moment are not affected by international polocy."

The way to ease the tension, he suggested, was via negotia-tions; but he contessed that he did not know what quid pro quo the West might offer to encourage the Soviet Union to pull out its troops.

"The tragic thing is", he remarked, "that once the Soviet Union has actually entered Afghanistan it's very ifficult for it to pull back. When the United Stazes weft into Vietnam it was likewise difficult for the United States to pull out. When a great power takes a step of this nature, the hardesz thing is to

Nuremberg Nazi group banned and homes raided

group, a paramilitary organiza-tion called the Wehrsport gruppe (military sports group) Hoffmann was benned by Herr Gerhart Baum, the Minister of the Interior, today. Simultaneously, the police raided and searched its Nuremberg headquarters and members' homes in

attacked political adversaries.

The Wehrsportgruppe Hoff-mann, wearing steel helmets and battledress, and organized on a military command structure, would periodically meet for

mercenary and sign painter.

In a statement to the press Herr Baum said the Govern ment continued to regard political and moral arguments the best way of combating extremism but it could no longer put up with the group. Its activi-ties had caused great concern abroad, and had become an intolerable blot on the reputation of the Federal Republic. The group had made itself especially conspicuous in recent

From Patricia Clough Herr Hoffmann and other

Bonn, Jan 30

West Germany's biggest Nazi

central and southern Germany. The 100-strong group, inspired by Hitler and the Nazi Third Reich, aimed at the violent overthrow of democracy, and the creation of a "total state",

Its purpose was not physical training, as its leader claimed, but the establishment of a fighting unit to carry out its political aims, he added. The group had recently repeatedly

paramilitary exercises in a ruined castle near Nuremberg.
Consisting mostly of youths, it was led by Herr Karl Heinz Hoffmann, aged 42, a former

members were in 1977 given suspended jail sentences and fined after a brawl with leftwing students at Tübingen University in which seven people were injured, some seriously. Herr Hoffmann was given another suspended jail sentence in November for wearing a Nazi-style uniform at a

right-wing rally.

Among the material seized by the police today at Herr Hoff-mann's home, which served as headquarters, was an armoured full-track vehicle, an antiquated gun carriage, a jeep, bayonets pistols, ammunition, steel hel-mets, gas masks, and camou-flage suits. The police also found a live puma, kept in the cellar.

years, and had attracted people from the extreme right.

Honecker brake on talks with

Herr Schmidt

From Our Own Correspondent Bonn, Jan 30 Plans for Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, to meet Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader, in the next couple of nonths have been put off.

Herr Armin Grünewald, deputy government spokesman, said Herr Honecker had asked that the date should not be fixed. The meeting would, however, take place some time later this year. Both sides were anxious that

s should occur under the most favourable conditions". The warm tone of the announcement indicated that both governments are keen to develop benter relations but feel that the atmosphere at present is not suitable. There is also speculation here that Herr Honecker's room for action may be severely limited

State demands iail term for Frau Proll From Our Own Correspondent

A Frankfurt public prosecu-tor today demanded six and a half years' jail for Frau Astrid Proli, aged 32, the former Baader-Meinhof terrorist who escoped and started a new life in Britain. He asked that she be found

guilty of participating in a bank robbery, falsifying documents and resisting arrest with a gun. But her urged that the most serious charge against her, that of attempted murder of two policemen during her arrest in Frankfurt in February 1971, be dropped.

Frau Pro!! escaped from a clinic in the Black Forest in 1974 where she had been sent after her health broke down in jail. She made her way to Britain and had a job training motor mechanics in London when she was discovered and

Germans fear Big Brother

as police investigate bills

From Our Own Correspondent

uncomfortable feeling among West Germans that Big Brother is able to peer more and more into their private lives has hardly been dispelled by news that many thousands of electricity hills have been passed on to police terrorist

The Federal Criminal Office (BKA) assured them that acquiring such information was perfectly legal, and moreover had led to the arrest of six fost wanted terrorists and the discovery of several terrorist

It emerged today that thousands of electricity bills in Hamburg. Frankfurt, Nuremberg, Munich and Berlin-bad been handed to criminal offices for

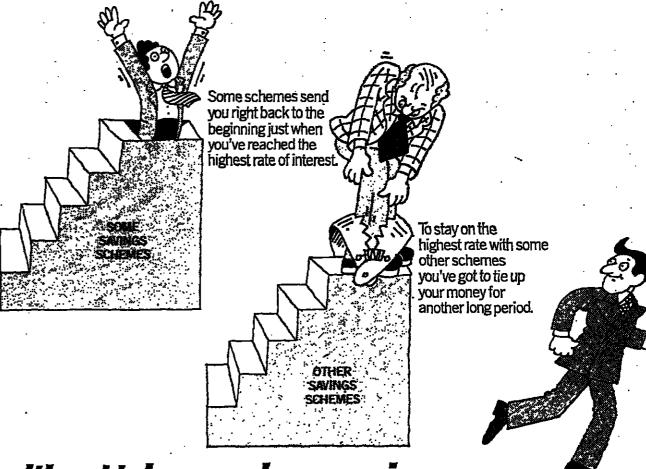
The investigation was made the BKA said, when it was realized that the terrorists were renting flats and asking the owners to pay electricity and other bills for them, so that their names did not enter into the transaction.

Clearly angry at the revelainvestigations had been reques-ted by the federal prosecutor and approved by a Hamburg court. Today's disclosures endangered and could possibly even foil efforts to round up the terrorists, ir said.

The fact that terrorists had

not been able to carry out their planned attacks since 1977 was direct consequence of the fact that several of their hideouts at home and abroad had been discovered by screening methods, a BKA spokesman

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President Carter's envoy plans new initiative to bridge Israeli-Egyptian gap on autonomy

From Christopher Walker Tel Aviv, Jan 30

A concerted American diplomatic initiative to bridge the wide gap between Israeli and egyptiyn proposals for Palestin-ian autonomy is expected when the most crucial round of ministerial talks yet held on the subject begins tomorrow. With less than four months

left before the deadlines for reaching agreement set at Camp David, President Carter's special Middle East envoy, Mr Sol Linowitz, is understood to be planning to put forward new proposals designed to break the deadlock.

Details of the American plans are being kept secret before they are formally presented to the two sides at their two-day session of talks in a heavily guarded seaside hotel north of Tel Aviv. But it wss reliably learnt tonight that they do not amount to a separate American blueprint for a form of autonomy for the just over a million Palestinian Arabs living in the occupied

Putting a brave face on the formidable negotiating task facing him, an optimistic-sounding Mr Linowitz disclosed today that he had already discussed the new suggestions with both President Sadat and Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister. "I think they offer some promising approaches to some of the negotiations", he explained guardedly.

Mr Linowitz's central prob-lem will be to find common ground for negotiation between the publishtd Isroeli autonomy model which allows only administrative powers to the Palestinians and the Tgyptian alternative which demands for them the full legislotive and

Man named

kidnapping

Mr X, the sixth man involved

He is Mr Nigel Hamer, an Englishman now living in Montreal, who was in charge of

manitaining the contact between Mr Cross's kidnappers

and the outside world. Mrs Cross and her maid had con-firmed at the time of the kid-papping that one of the kid-

nappers had an English accent.

According to Miss Carole Devault, a witness at the inves-tigation and an informer for

the Montreal police, who had infiltrated the Front de Liber-

5 she had also informed them

of Mr Hamer's address, Mr Hamer has never been arrested.

"I often asked why they never arrested Hamer, but I never got an answer;" she said. Mr

it came to power in 1976 to

investigate a break-in at a Left-wing Montreal news agency in 1972.

A sharp controversy has

arisen over whether the Montreal newspaper La Presse

was justified yesterday in break-

ing the story of how Canada smuggled six Americans out of

Tehran. Four diplomats and two wives were flown out by scheduled airline flight at the

weekend after taking refuge in

The White House in Washing-

ton was angered by the news-

paper's action because publica-tion might endanger the American hostages still held

captive at the American Embassy in Tehran. Mr Jody Powell, presidential press sec-

retary, said: "It was obviously our desire that this story not

Mr Joe Clark, the Canadian

Prime Minister, and Miss Flora MacDonald, his External Affairs

Minister, have both said they would have preferred the story not to be published until after the hostages were released.

There are still about 50

Before the story was broken

in the French Canadian press,

several American news orga-

nizarions knew about the

existence of a group of diplo-

mats in hiding in Tehran but were prevailed upon by the

authorities here not to release

the information. It is not clear,

however, how complete that information was.

Beyond the ain outlines of

the escape and in spite of the

reas of words written about it,

precious few details have been

disclosed by those in the know.

The rest is based on speculation and reports fro "sources" and "officials" uch of it contra-

the Central Intelligence Agency captives.

dictory.

Continued from page 1

the Canadian Embassy.

From John Best

Ottawa, Jan 30

in Cross

There was speculaton resolved problem of Jerusalem. The Israelis have hitherto insisted that it must remain the "undivided" copital of Israel, while Egypt wants Israeli occupation of east Jerusalem ended ond the projected autonomy body of between 80 to 100 members to have its head-

quarters there. Mr Linowitz's indefatigable optimism is not shared by diplomatic obstrvers in the Middle East or by ma ny of those who art trovelling on his aircraft in a shuttle service which began in Egypt and will also include visits to Morocco ond Saudi Arabia.

The full extent of the gap dividing the official Israeli and Egyptian positions was illustroted when the two working groups met in Tel Aviv this week in preparation for the plenary session. Neither side has so far given any indication of being prepared to compro-mise on the key points.

Mr Linowitz was todoy snubbed by a number of pro-minent Palestinian Arabs frof th: occupied Wtst Bank who turned down invitations to turned do meet him

Among those who refused to accept the offer was Mr Elias Freij, the mayor of Bethlehem, who is generally regorded as one of the most moderate of the 25 elected Arab mayors. He told mt: "I wanted to show my deep disappointment with the ineffectiveness of American policy on the Pales-tinion issue. They have done nothing about ending Jewish settlefent on our land or

judicial role now exercised by the Israeli military government.

about making Israel change its so-called outonomy plan which has been ejected by everyone

on the West Bank." Isroeli political circles taht Early tonight, Mr Linowitz soft of the new American held his first offical meeting proposals are linked to the unwith a leading Arab figure with a leading Arab figure from the occupied territories when he met Mr Rashod a-Shawa, the appointed mayor of Gaza, the largest toen in the Gaza Strip. The talks were part of a new attempt by the Americans to involve at leost some local Palestinians in the autonomy negotiations.

Before the meeting, Mr a-Shawa told reporters that he would be firmly rejecting the recent suygestion made by President Sadat that autonoty President Sadat that automoty should be introduced first in Goza, "We insist on linking Gaza with the West Bank", he explained. "Anything that is to happen here must happen simultaneously in the West Bank."

Although Mr a-Shawa has redently returned from a tour of Arab countries whichh in-cluded talks with Mr Yassir Arafat, the leader of the Palestine Liberation rganization, he strongly denied that he was carrying any message on the PLO's behalf.

A richh landowner and mer-chant, Mr a-Shawa is one of the most conservative figures among the Arab notables in the occupied territories. the occupied territories.

Mr a-Shawa claimed that
there was no question of him
negotiating with Mr Linowitz,
of the Palestinian posution
that Israel must withdraw
from the occupied territories, stop settlement activity and recognize the Palestinians' right to self-determination and a sovereign state. He would also insist that Jurusalem should be recognized as an

Mugabe party 'will win most seats in poll'

From Nicholas Ashford
Salisbury, Jan 30
The massive rally that greeted
Mr Robert Mugabe, the Zanu
(PF) leader, when he returned
from Mozambique last weekend, has sent political pundits reaching for their slide rules to recalculate the odds on the likelihood of his becoming the first Prime Minister of an independent Zimbabwe.

Their calculations are not likely to produce much comfort for Mr Mugabe's two main. for Mr Mugade's two main. rivals, Mr Joshua Nkomo, leader of the Patriotic Front (formerly Zapu), and Bishop Abel Muzorewa, head of the United African National Council (UANC).

In the absence of psephologists or swippometers or even a

ists or swingometers or even a voter's roll, any assessment of political trends can only be a rough etimate. It is particularly hard to determine which way the people in the tribal trust lands, comprising the majority

of the electorate, will vote.
Nevertheless, one black commentator whose views are respected has calculated that if an spected has calculated that if an election were held tomorrow Mr Mugabe would win 38 of the 80 black seats being contested. According to his calculation, Mr Nkomo would gain 21 seats, Bishop Muzorewa 14, the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole's Zanu Party five and Mr James Chikerema's Zimbabwe Democratic Party (ZDP) two. Few people expect the four other parties contesting the election to win any seats.
Other observers believe Mr

Mugabe's support may not be-so massive and that the bishop should fare better. Never-theless, even British officials at Government House seem to have little doubt at this stage that the Zanu (PF) will emerge as the largest single party in the new parliament. It is a prospect which, despite the calculated moderation displayed by Mr Mugabe since his return is causing concern both in Government House and among black and white Rhodesians who are opposed to his style of

socialism.

What is difficult to assess is to what extent Mr Mugabe is benefiting from the fact that many black Rhodesians are simply curious to see a man obout whom they have heard so much during the past few years of war but who is a relative stranger to them. Certainly not all of the 200,000 or more people who turned out to greet him last Sunday will actually vote for him.

Nevertheless, his claim to be

the man who spearheaded the guerrilla war against the Salis-bury Administration, thus forcing it to accept the principle or ingirt to accept the principle or on his main asset—his claran to one. So is the party's argument that as the Zanu (PF) was largely responsible for fighting one political opponent after another. The impression created is able of ensuring peace. As in last April's election, peace is the overriding issue for most

factor in drumming up support attacking anyone at all. Since

Pots and pans for sale in the equivalent of an ironmonger's shop in a Salisbury shanty has been preaching unity and reconciliation. This message

being "mayhem".

During a five-day electoral tour by "Bishop Muzorewa around his home province of Manicaland this week, party officials were shocked by the poor amendances at UANC ral-

Despite the ceasefire, large

numbers of guerrillas who have failed to gather in assembly areas have been going around villages warning people to vote for Zanu (PF) or else. British sources have described the situation in the eastern Manicaland

Province, where the guerrillas are still particularly active, as

But the bishop also has him-self to blame for the collapse of his support. His campaign has been little short of a disas-ter. He has failed to capitalize on his main esset—his claim to be a man of unity—and instead support and who does not know how to reverse the tide.

seems to be winning him sup-port well beyond his Matabele-land base and there are growing signs that his party could win a number of seats in at least three provinces where Shonas Mr Nkomo is now at the cen-

tre of moves to establish a comtre of moves to establish a common black front, the overall purpose of which would be to stop Mr Mugabe coming to power. A measure of common ground has already been established between Mr Nkomo and Mr Chikerema, but so far talks between senior Patriotic Front and UANC representatives have made little progress. The main problem is that Mr Nkomo and Bishop Muzorewa have a strong dislike for each other and both want to be the next Prime Minister.

The unity moves are being discreetly encouraged by the British and by other external forces. One British source said with confidence: "The far man

ger that even if Bishop Muzorewa can be persuaded to link up with Mr Nkomo other members of his party may not. Some might leave the UANC to join Mr Mugabe. On the present electoral arithmetic this would be almost guaranteed to put the Zanu (PF) in power. Another is the flirtation that

is currently taking place be-tween the white Rhodesian Front and the UANC. A group of Rhodesian Front candidates, believed to number 12 out of the 20 contesting the white poll, are understood to favour a merger with the UANC into one merger with the UANC Into one biracial party. If this happened and if the anti-UANC trend could be reversed, this new joint party would probably be larger than the Zanu (PF) and would then need only the support of the smaller black parties to each the mailler black parties. to enable it to form a govern-

This would mean that both Mr Nkome and Mr Mugabe would be excluded from power. "That would be absolute disaster." re-marked a British official. "The voters. Mr Nkomo, on the other will be Prime Minister, you can marked a British official. "The There also seems little doubt hand, experienced politician bet on that." However, there elections will never be accepted that coercion is an important that he is, has carefully avoided are a number of obstacles to be as free and fair unless one of

factor in drumming up support attacking anyone at all. Since overcome before an alliance can the former Patriotic Front for Zanu (PF) in rural areas. his return three weeks ago he be established. One is the dan leaders is in power." Demand growing | Flame from Olympia wings

its way to winter games

From Matio Modiano Athens, Jan 30 The Olympic flame, safely inserted in a miner's lamp, was travelling tonight to Lake Placid, Ntw York, for the XIII Winter Olympic Games, escorted by a large United States delegation on board an American presidential aircraft.

The flame was ignited in the ancient sanctuary of Olympia in south Greece, with the help of a parabolic mirror focusing the sun's rays on a dried olive

branch. A young actress dressed as a high priestess of the Timple of Hera, surrounded by vestals, lit a torch from the flame and handed it to the first runner. The flame was later flown to Athens and runners relayed it to the Athens stadium where it was ceremonially surrendered to the delegation from Lake Placid. The ceremony was held in the same all-marble stadium built

for the first contemporary Olympic Games in 1896. Today's ceremonies took place amid the controversy over the proposed boycott of the Moscow Olympic Games and growing support for the Greek Prime Minister's proposal that the Games should be given a permanent home in Greece. Greece is not boycotting the

its leaders have reaffirmed their acherence to the principle that politics should be kept out of

The Greek Olympic Commit-tee announced that it intended to reiterate the Prime Minister's proposal at the meeting of the International Olympic Com-nutee (IOC) due in Lake Placid on February 12. Committee offi-cials asserted that Greece could be ready to host the summer games in 1984.

Japanese delay: While the Japanese Government is inclined to follow the American position on the Moscow Olympics, the Japan Olympic Committee still wants to hold up the decision pending the IOC meeting.
The Government was reported

as saying that it would join the United State's position which is that it would withdraw from, postpone or cancel the Moscow games because of the Soviet

games because on the source intervention in Afghanistan. National Olympic Committee sources, however, declared that the final decision on Japan's participation would not be made "until after" a decision is made at the IOC. Indicating a strong aversion to "political inter-vention" into the "realm of sports".

Further push to sea by Russians unlikely

By Charles Douglas-Home Defence experts in London have studies the Soviet inter-vention in Afghanistan and reached a preliminary conclu-sion that it would have taken four or five months to plan, that the Russians intend to re-main at their present strength in Afghanistan indefinitely, but that they have no capacity for a further push to the sea.

The five or six Soviet divi-sions now in Afghanistan do not provide an adequate force to dominate the mountains. They can only control the towns and keep the main roads open. Since they are mainly low category reservist divisions from the Soviet Turkestan military district they will have to be rotated after three months with other reservist divisions in their home area. The call-up of re-serves is not likely to trouble

serves is not likely to trouble the Soviet economy too much during the winter months.

The defence experts conclude that contingency planning for the operation would have had to start at least by August—even before the overthrow of Tarakki by Amin. The likely brief for Soviet military commanders would have been to provide a military framework for the post-Amin social reconstruction of Amin social reconstruction of Afghanistan to be carried out This framework would require holding only towns, roads and airfields, and could put up with a reasonable degree of opposi-tion from dissident tribesmen. tion from dissident tribesmen. The main question in planning such an operation, and in now sustaining it, concerned the reliability of the Afghan Army. The speed and weight of the intervention late last month suggests that the Soviet military command could not afford to risk leaving too much to the Afghan Army, in case it split between loyalists and disloyalists.

The initial airdrop was augmented by the spearhead elements of each division being

elements of each division being flown in from Samerkand to sustain the momentum of the first drop. Most of the five or six divisions now on the ground were in position within

a week The defence experts do not believe that this force would provide Russia with enough capacity to pacify the country or to push on to the sea. A clue to the likely perma nent strength of Russian forces to be maintained in Afghanistan will come when reservist units start to rotate and when some picture emerges about the level of permanent logistic support which the Russians are providing. At present they can rely on Afghan equipment and spares as both armies use the

same weapons.

Any plan to extend pacification beyond towns and roads or to use the Afghan foothold for further operations—perhaps against dissident tribesmen operating from Pakistan, or in support of Baluchi dissidents would require a force of about double the size, the London |||

assessment concludes. However, the Soviet leader-ship's objective in Afghanistan appears to have been met by securing the country's main | | | | | certain that there was no further deterioration in the political situation there.

The invasion was caused by a fear of losing control while there were about 5,000 Soviet

advisers and combat troops in

Jumbo jet blown off runway into snowdrift

A British Airways jumbo jet was blown off the runway into a snowdrift after landing at Anchorage in Alaska on Tuesday night. None of the 57.
people on board were injured.
The Boeing 747 was taxiing. on the main runway during a refuelling stop on its way from
Tokyo to London when it was buffered by a 40-knot gust of wind. The runway was closed for five hours while workmen dug out the aircraft. The aircraft was being

The aircraft was being checked by aviation officials before being allowed to take off for London. It was not thought to have been damaged.

Prison fire spreads

Bangkok, Jan 30.—A fire which broke out in the kitchen of a Bangkok prison spread to the surrounding slum area, destroyed about 300 houses and

An ambassador with quite a lot to learn

From Patrick Brogan Washington, Jan 30 Mr Richard Kneip, the new

American Ambassador to Singa-pore, had been at his post for about a week when the first sign of trouble came to the staff. A secretary came rushing out of his office to confide, wide-eyed: "He just asked me where Cauberra is".

Within the next few days, the

staff had to answer other questions. "What is this Gang of Four that everyone is talking about?" "You mean there has been a war between India and Pakistan? What was that all about?" "Did you say there are two separate Korea governments? How come?" He also confessed never to have heard of Mr Callaghan, Herr Schmidt, Deng Xiaoping, M Giscard d'Estaing, Gandhi, Nebru and Sukarno.

Mr Kneip is a former gover-nor of South Dakora, a part of North America as far from the oceans and the cities as it is posible to get. He is the owner of a wholesale milk equipment distributorship and he sup-ported Mr Carter for the

The latest issue of the Foreign Service Journal contains an anonymous article about him, describing him as "Mr X". It is by his former deputy chief of mission, Mr Edward Ingrakam, who is now on secondment, reserved. on secondment, teaching. The identities of author and ambassador were discovered immediately the article appeared, and have not been denied.

The State Department spokes-man said this morning that the department "has every confidence in the manner in which our embassy in Singapore has conducted affairs during the term of the present ambas-sador," and inadequate defence of the man if ever there was sies.

Kneipe's appointment more than the man himself. Mr Carter promised during his election promised to end the system under which a president's friends and supporters were given embassies for which they were quite unfitted. He has not kept the promise, though Mr Kneipe is an exceptional example of a bad appointment. his houseboy.

holds". Later, he writes is not an arrogant or an abusive man and he has not created significant difficulties with the host country. Senior officials simply don't take him seriously." One reason he accepted the

one reason he accepted iob, rather than a post in Wash-halington, was that he and his wife heartily dislaked entertaining. Singaporeans, local Americans and foreigners were never in vited to the residence, aithough he agreed, after prodding by Mr Ingraham, to go to the many social functions in other embas-

He was wont to cause some The article criticizes Mr surprise, however, by his ten-neipe's appointment more deacy to leave early, just before the Deputy Prime Minister made a speech, for instance, or in the middle of a concert. Ho was once persuaded to show a :. group of military dignitaries around an American warship visiting Singapore, got distracted half way through the tow and handed the task over to

Johannesburg, Jan 30 the detention. Mr Buys said it seemed that

Transkei asked to release

A demand for the immediate release of a reporter who has been detained without trial in Transkei for more than two weeks was made in the Supreme in the kidnapping of Mr James Cross, the British Trade Commissioner, by Quebec extremists in 1970 has been named at a public hearing investigating illegal police activities in Court at Umtata today.

The reporter, Mr Peter Honey, was arrested after refusing to divulge the source of a news report when ordered to do so by Brigadier Martin Ngceba, the Transkei Police Commis-

Mr A. Buys, his advocate, told the court that it was in the interest of the people of Transkei and of the state's security that allegations of corruption on the part of senior officers of the state should be exposed. He applied for Mr Honey's release on behalf of the repor-ter's wife, Mrs Carmen Honey, and the South Africa Argus Printing and Publishing Com-

pany, which Mr Honey represents in Transkei. ation du Quebec (FLQ), she (Miss Devault) had told police of Mr Hamer's identity by the time Mr Cross was released on December 3, 1970. By December Mr Buys said the article by Mr Honey referred to Mr G. B. Muller, the Transkei Attorney-General, and contained an allegation that Brigadier Ngceba wanted political prisoners prosecuted even when there was insuffient evidence against them. The article had suggested Hamer is suspected of being part of the police network.

The Keable inquiry was set up by the Parti Quebecois after that Mr Muller had refused to prosecute on insufficient evidence in certain cases.

Brigadier Ngceba and Mr Justice G. A. Munnik, the Transkei Chief Justice, had both confirmed that most of the contents of the article were

think that they will be subject

to reprisals. There are also a fair number of Americans left

in the country, in addition to

yesterday, said he had been sitting on it since December 10, but had not published it

earlier at the request of Canadian and American officials. However, with six Americans now safe in the West

and other newspapers "nosing around", he thought it would be only a matter of time before someone else beat him to it.

Mr Pelletier is the son of Mr Gerald Pelletier, Capadian

Ambassador to France. He has insisted that his world scoop had nothing to do with his

father.
In today's edition of La Presse, Mr Roger Lemelin, president and editor, said the newspaper was proud of having printed the story. "We knew that to divulge prematurely this heavy secret for some need to cream a sensation would not

(CIA) have been denied by the Canadian Government. In addition to deep concern about the hostages, the Admini-

stration clearly wants to keep

details of the escape shrouded

in mystery to protect the Canadians. Indeed, most of those details that are available

have come from the Ottawa

officials also hope that efforts underway at the United Nations

in New York to work out a deal

with the Iranians for the release

of the hostages can continue

All sorts of possibilities are

under consideration but they boil down basically to a formula

under which the United

Nations would set up some kind

By maintaining a low profile,

Canadians in Iran, even after this heavy secret for some need order-in-council passed the closure of the Canadian to create a sensation would put Cabinet some weeks ago.

US tries to keep rescue details secret

Government.

unimpeded.

Reports that they used diplomatic passports or alternatively past activities of the exiled ordinary tourist documents Shah in return for the safe which had been doctored by return of the remaining

Mr Jean Pelletier, Washington Correspondent for La Presse, who broke the story

Tehran escape report criticized

the hostages.

true. Mr Honey had refused to disclose the sources of his information, but the onus rested with the defendants to justify

security police in Transkei detained people under the Public Security Act for the purpose of investigating common law

In earlier evidence, Brigadier Ngceba was alleged to have threatened to "squeeze" Mr Honey until he gave the name of his informant and to have said when he refused "I will make you dance". In an affida-vir the Brigadier denied using these phrases.

white Legislative Assembly in Windhoek is refusing to carry out fully a resolution by the multiracial Namibian National Assembly that all public and tourist amenities in the territory should be open to all races. Mr Adolf Brinkman, Executive Committee Member in Charge of Tourism in the white Assembly, said in Windhoek to day that it could not associate itself with "forced integration". Recalling that last year the Namibian National Assembly forced owners of amenicies to one of their doors to all ". Mr Brinkman said: "This legislation deviates from the whole-

halle constitutional conference and the executive committee is convinced it is a step back-

he added.

Embassy on Monday. Miss Mac- human lives in danger. That is

Donald has said she does not no longer the case."

think that they will be subject "We know our moral duties

reporter held without trial

crimes, thus evading the provi-sions of criminal law and procedure.

No 'forced integration': The

some principles of the Turn-

and do our best to meet them,"

In Tehran today, Mr Sadeq Gotbzadeh, the Iranian Foreign

Minister, accused Canada's Con-

servative Government of staging the escape to lift Tory fortunes

in the current federal election campaign. Miss MacDonald immediately denied the allega-

tion, saying the affair started long before the election was called and could have been

ended at any time.

It was disclosed earlier that

the Canadian Ambassador in Tehran, Mr Kenneth Taylor, had been given advance author-ity by the Canadian Government

to make his own decision on

when to execute the escape

comment on reports that the United States Central Intelli-

gence Agency was involved in preparing false visas for the Americans, who carried ordinary Canadian citizens passports authorized by a secret

order-in-council passed by the

The main concern of the

Administration here is that any

deal worked out with the Iranians should stick. After the unfulfilled promises made by the authorities in Tehran that the American Embassy

would be protected even if the Shah entered the United States

for medical treatment, the

Administration is understand-

ably concerned about any future guarantees from that

In spite of clear evidence that Washington is no longer

pressing ahead with unilateral

economic sanctions against Iran with any sense of urgency,

the State Department is insis-ting that they will be intro-duced soon. A State Depart-

ment spokesman said that the Administration was "clearly" going ahead with the sanctions,

although he has been unable to explain why they have not

already been introduced.

Miss MacDonald refused to

98 are accused of Turkish political killings From Our Correspondent

Ankara, Jan 30 The Istanbul martial command today announced that 98 alleged members of the underground Turkish Communist Party/Marxist-Leninist had been arrested and accused of 18 political murders.

They were also believed to be responsible for at least six robberies and a number of bomb attacks and had wounded 11 people. Security troops found 21

pistols, one shotgun, four bombs, a stick of dynamite, bundreds of rounds of amou-nition and "notes pertaining to the group's activities" in raids on the homes of the alleged members of the party, a Maoist group.

for defence lawyers in China

Peking, Jan 30.—The intro-duction of a new criminal code this month has created a growing demand for court lawyers, the New China news agency

the New China news agency said today.

The agency said that the Peking Lawyers' Association hoped to have 100 trained lawyers ready by next July to meet the demand and would approve a list of partime

lawyers next month.

The code, introduced on January 1, gives defendants the right to legal representation for the first time since the Cultural Revolution in the mid-1960s. Lawyers who had practised in Peking before the Cultural Revolution were now gradually returning to their old profes-sion, the agency said. Reuter.

MacArthur took gift of \$500,000 from Philippines

From Richard Eder New York, Jan 30

General Douglas MacArthur received a gift of \$500,000 on the orders of President Manuel Quezon of the Phillippines, shortly before both men were evacuated from Corregidor in the face of the Japanese offensive in 1942, according to documents found by the same found to the same for the same found to the ments found by an American scholar. Records of the payment, made

in apparent contravention of American military regulations, have been found in the National Archives by an American researcher. Professor Carol Petillo of Boston College. According to the documents, smaller payments amounting to \$140,000 were made by the Philippines Government, then on the point of collapse, to three of MacArthur's principal military aides.

These gifts, which raise questions about the relationship of MacArthur and President uezon, the War Department complied with MacArthur's request that the Chase Bank, the depository for Philippines Government funds, be instructed to pay the money into his account and those of his three aides. Miss Petillo came upon the documents in the course of re-search for a doctoral disserta-tion. She published an article based upon them in last Febru-

ary's issue of the Pacific Historical Review, a leading scholarly publication.

The principal document used by Miss Petillo was found in the papers of the late General Rich- News Service.

ard Sutherland, MacArthur's chief of staff. It is an executive order, signed by President Quezon, instructing the Government to make the payments in view of the recipients' outstanding service to the Philippines.

Besides the payment to MacArthur, there were payments of \$75,000 to Sutherland, \$45,000 to the late Brigadier-General Richard Marshall Jr and \$20,000 to the late Lieutenant-

Colonel Sidney Huff. Other documents in the National Archives cited by Miss Petillo include MacArthur's request to the War Department to instruct the Chase Bank to make the transfers, and exchanges be-tween the War Department and Chase. In one document thedepartment, in response to a query from the bank, cited President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Mr Henry Stimson, the Secretary of War, as authority for the transaction.

Although MacArthur served for a number of years as military adviser to the Philippines Government, and received payment from it, he returned to full active duty in the United States Army in July, 1941. The gift was made in February, 1942.

In her actile, Miss Petillo hypothesizes that acceptance of the transaction by Rosevelt and Stimson might have been related to the extreme delicacy of their relationship with MacArthur, who was charged with holding a Pacific front which, at the time, was clearly a lost cause.—New York Times

shops and left more than 1,000 people homeless. Mr Ingraham writes: "He is a decent man, although entirely unqualified for the job he holds". Later, he writes: "Re

a Mrs Gandhi complains Ussia that West is turning Pakistan into arsenal

the Prime Minister, said today that the world had moved closer to a nuclear confrontation and the West was turning Pakistan into an arsenal, She told Parliament she felt disturbed by Western reaction to the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, and India would try to defuse the crisis. India to improve its relations with both Pakistan and China, she said. Closer cooperation with the Soviet Union would not be sought at the cost of rela-tions with the United States. In her first impatant statement on foreign policy since she returned to power earlier this month, Mrs Gandhi said the

world in recent months had moved closer to a nuclear confrontation between big powers. "We are anxious that the present drift towards a hot war should be stopped by the com-hined effort of all the right-thinking people in the world." Mr Clark Gifford, President Carter's special envoy, who was a former United States Defence Secretary, arrived in Delhi to-day for talks with Mrs Gandhi. She will also meet Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, who is expected in Delhi on February 12.

Referring to the Soviet action in Afghanistan, Mrs Gandhi told Parliament: "We do not approve of foreign presence or intervention anywhere in the world However, we do not be-lieve in one-sided condemna-

India's efforts were directed

people would only be prolonged if Muslim insurgents, whom she referred to as armed bands, continued to be trained and provided with bases across the border in Pakistan.

"We cannot but feel disturbed by the reaction of some powers over these developments in Afghanistan," Mrs Gandhi said. "Billions and bil-lions of dollars have been asked for. Hundreds of millions have, already been committed to Pakistan as military aid by the United States. Other powers are persuaded to make their contribution to convert Pakistan into an arsenal The People's Republic of China has also

pledged to provide arms and other assistance to Pakistan." Mrs Gandhi had previously expressed concern that arms supplied to Pakistan might be used against India. When members expressed con-

cern over Palistan's reported efforts to develop what is known here as an "Islamic" nuclear bomb, Mrs Candhi said : There is nothing Christian, Islamic, Buddhist or Hindu about nuclear bombs or other Islamic. weapons of mass destruction Production of a nuclear bomb by a country in the region is bound to increase suspicion and

Corruption report: Mr Zail Singh, the Home Minister, said in written parliamentary ruply that the Government was studying the report of a special judge into charges of corruption against the families of Mr Morarji Desai and Mr Charan at securing the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan, but the misery of the Afghan the judge's findings.—Reuter.

Islamabad wants military pact with US clarified

Islamabad, Jan 30 wanted to know under what circumstances the 1959 United States-Pakistan military pact would be applicable, Mr Agha Shahi, foreign affairs adviser to President Zia

ul-Hag of Pakistan, said here the question with Mr Zbigniew Brzezinski, the United States National Security Adviser, when he arrives in Islamabad on Friday for two days of talks. Talking to reporters, Mr Shahi said: "We would like Brzezinski to say how did the United States propose to approach Pakistan's concerns. look forward to clarifica-

tions of our questions which

know how Mr Brzezinski evalterms arising from the Afghan-istan situation and what role the United Nations could play

in containing it.

Pakistan would also like to know how Pakistan security could be strengthened in the context of the existing treaty of friendship between India and the Soviet Union, specially when its signatories had been affirming the treaty as a factor for peace and stability in the

The Pakistan foreign affairs adviser ruled out the extension of Nato to Pakistan, pointing out that it would hurt Pakis-tan's relations with China and Iran apart from other Muslim countries. He emphasized that Pakistan sought United States assistance on a bilateral basis.

Dear me, how should **I** address vou?

From Michael Leapman New York, Jan 30 A studiedly courteous debate is being conducted in the columns of The New York Times about row to begin letters to people and companies of unknown gender. "Dear Sir" is ingender. creasingly inappropriate and often offends women, as does the plural "gentlemen", which Americans generally use Americans generally instead of "Dear Sira".

The discussion began when a chain of hotels announced it would replace "Dear Sir" with All Customers " or "Fvery uest "—a remedy which, as The New York Times pointed out, is not open to everyone. In a leading article, the paper rejected "Gentleperson" as silly and "To whom it may concern" as excessively loser while." concern " as excessively lofty while it feared that "Sir/ Madam . . may convey a pointedly sarcastic, androgy

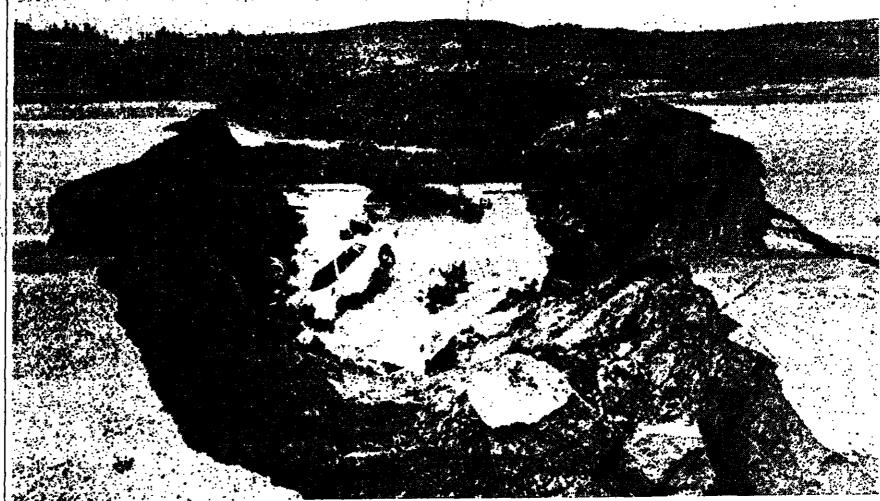
For want of a better alterna-tive, the leader writer decided to stick with "Dear Sir", and in doing so aroused many of his/ber readers, Among their suggestions were "The Responsible Person", "Dear People"
"Greetings" and "Dea "Greetings" and "Dear Friend" while the paper itself suggested today that Dear "might suit if the letter was an angry one and you wanted to make the recipient wonder whether an unprintable appellation had been omitted.

The rather feeble consensus was that there need be no salutation at all; the letter-writer should simply plunge into the message. This is a ruse which this correspondent uses, but it does seem an un-American compromise, lacking the dynamic sense of certainty which made the country what

The

recognized authorities are of little help. The new edition of The Amy Vanderbilt Book of Etiquette, revised by Leticia Baldridge in 1977, says that in cases of doubt you should not send a letter at all, but instead use the form of a memorandum which does not need any initial salutation. Emily Post says "Dear Madam" should be used if you are sure the recipient will be a woman, but "Dear Sir" if there any doubt. Debrett's Correct Form agrees, as it does with the stipulation that "Mesdames" should not be used as the female of "Gentlemen". Watson's Standard Book of Letter Writing, in the 1968 revision, is the strictest of all. It rules that "Gentlemen" is correct even if you are writing

company



The driver of this car was fortunate to escape with his life when in early morning darkness he drove into a 50-foot ho caused by heavy rain in southern California.

Poll terrorism incidents as 20 million Filipinos vote

million Filipinos cast their votes today in the largest turnout in the country's history to elect 18,000 local officials of President Ferdinand Marcos' marrial

aw regime. There were scattered reports of vote-buying, flying voters, and shootings. President Marcos ordered the arrest of six people in northern Luzon, including a member of the Assembly and a Gubernatorial candidate on

charges of electoral terrorism Otherwise, indications pointed to generally peaceful voting and good results for the Government's New Society Movement in the 73 provinces So far, eight people have died from electoral violence since the electoral campaign for provincial governors, town and city mayors and councillors started on December 29

Electoral Commission sources said three people were killed during the voting on the island of Samar. A caudidate for mayor was shot dead in Camarines Sur, the driver of a can-didate was killed in an ambush

by Arrigo Levi

cities. In Batangas province in southern Luzon Mr Antonio Leviste, the outgoing governor and New Society candidate and Mr José Laurel, candidate for the Nationalist Party, accused each other of terrorism and fly-

ing voter tactics. Catanduanes province, In Bicol region, southern Luzon, Mr Francisco Tatad, a former Minister of Information, who was dismissed for opposing government candidates in his province, continued to defy President Marcos by campaign-

ing for his Nacionalista Party protégé, Mr Rafael Villaluna. In Pampanga province, cen-ral Luzon, Mr Estelito Mendoza, the solicitor general, bad a tough gubernatorial fight on his hands from Mr José Lingad, the candidate of the National Union for Liberation.

In Cogayan de Oro and Zamboanga cines, both in southern Philippines, opposition candi-dates reportedly had the edge over the New Society Movement.—Agence France-Presse.

Premiers meet next week on Korean unity

Seoul, Jan 30 .- North Kores has agreed to a South Korean proposal to hold a preliminary meeting at Panmunjom on February 6 to prepare for talks at Prime Minister level, it was announced here today.

A South Korean spokesman said that a letter from Mr Lee Jong Ok, the North Korean Prime Minister, addressed to Mr Shin Hyon Hwak, the South Korean Prime Minister was received through liaison officers at Panmunjom this morning.

The letter was in reply to Mr Shin's letter of a week ago pro posing a preparatory meeting The North Korean Central News Agency said today that there would be a meeting between the North and South Korean Prime Ministers for an exchange of views on the unifi-cation of the countries.

But it did not say when such meeting would take place. The agency said that Mr Shin had been the first to respond to the North Korean call on January 11 for the North-South -Agence France-

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French Navy on patrol as **Tunisia fighting continues**

Three French Navy warships have left Toulon for patrol duries in the eastern Mediterranean, following the outbreak of fighting in Gafsa, central Tunisia. The Tunisian Government is convinced the fighting was planned by Libya.

The three ships, the missile carrying cruiser Colbert, the anti-submarine frigate Duguay-Trouin and the fast escort ressel Vendée, were escorted by four submarines.

The Maritime Prefect Toulon stated that about 15 French Navy units carried out different missions throughout the year in all parts of the Mediconcerned were engaged in one of these missions.

Sporadic fighting is still going on in the Gafsa region, where the insurgents have taken to the hills, So far, losses on both sides amount to about 50 dead and 250 injured. Some 60 rebels have been captured by the Tunisian forces which control the city, the most important in

tion appears to have benefited local support and also from Algerian backing, though, not by the Algerian Govern-ment, which has denied that the rebels were based in Algeria.

group of 300 rebels penetrated into Tunisia from Algeria, the miles north of Gafsa, and converged on the city while the garrison was away on a manoeuvres. barracks, and the headquarters of the gendarmerie. According to French experts stationed in the area, fighting was fierce all day Sunday.

Tunisian hastily despatched to the area now appear to have the situation under control.

According to Le Monde, a number of the prisoners taken had been trained in Libya. There are several bundred part in a plot against President Bourguiba in 1962 and regrouped in a Progressive Libera tion Front set up in Tripoli in 1969.

World View

Variations on the theme of doves and hawks and how Soviet behaviour can be interpreted

gists on the reasons and meanings of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and related events (Dr Sakharov's arrest, the dismissal of Academician Kirillin), as well as the discussion between Western governments on how to react to these disturbing events, have produced such as enormous flow of words cult to identify the main trends of thought. An attempt to do so may however be useful.

In considering the various opinions a series of striking dichotomies present themselves. Some people say that there really was no change in Soviet policy, others that there was a major change. Some do not believe that détente ever existed, others think it did. Some experts think that the Russians acted the way they did because there felt extrang others. because they felt strong, others say that they did what they did because they felt weak. Some claim that their aims were mostly defensive, while according to others they were offening to others they were offen-

Unfortunately these dichotomies do not lend to a neat separation of all opinions in only two groups; the dichotomies are mixed up in a messy way, the number of possible combinations being astronomically high. I have reached the conclusion that there are, however, four main groups, which ever, four main groups, which could be labelled: the hawks; the doves; the dovish hawks and the hawkish doves.

a real hawk and talks like one, though she behaves more like a hawkish dove. Herr Schmidt, reason the German Chancellor is existed. a dove reluctantly turning



Mr Yuri Marchuk who has replaced Mr Kirillin as chairman of the State Committee for Science and Technology.

hawkish. President Giscard d'Estaing is a dovish hawk-quite a different bird. Dr Kissinger is the original hawkish dove. So by the way is Mr Brzezinski, though he tries fiercely to look like a hawk. I hope that I have not turned some old friends into enemies and offer no more names.

To give a few examples. I think that Mr Carter, though behaving like a hawk, actually is only a hawkish dove. Mr Heath, Mr Callaghan, are hawkish doves. Mrs Thatcher is a real hawk and talks like one. invasion of Afghanistan is nothing new, for the simple reason that detente never existed, except as a Western illusion. What has happened is

that the Russian bear has abandoned its sheep's clothing as soon as it had developed stronger fangs and claws, and once it had become convinced that, thanks to its clever détente act, it had transformed the American eagle into a sparrow. And of course the Russian aims are offensive; global domination.

The only change, say the hawks, is that, at long last, the West is now discovering the real nature of its enemy. The hawks do not think that the Russians will ever change or that détente will ever exist.
They only want the West
to become again indisputably
stronger, so that it can teach
the Russians a lesson which will force them to behave better in the future. If the price of that is an unlimited arms race and the risk of an atomic war, so much the worse (for Moscow).

The doves are convinced that The doves are convinced that detente was real, indeed they believe that it is still in existence in some regions of the world, that it is "divisible" and must be protected where it survives: they jealously defend Europe's "little detente". The doves find excuses for the Soviet adventure in Afghanistan: a "regional" affair, they say, the Russians having made the mistake of believing that the West had already accounted that West had already accepted that the wretched country belonged to the Soviet Union, just as

Czechoslovakia did. The Russians must be re-assured—say the doves—about the peaceful intentions of the West, having been upset by Mr Carter's talk about civil rights and Mr Brzezinski's flirt with Peking. Once reassured, they will show us that they still love

The dovish hawks believe, as real hawks do, that there are

no doves in international politics. Détente never existed, it only was "the continuation of the Cold War with other means", as André Fontaine says. The dovish hawks have no illusions about the imperialistic nature of the Soviet Union: but they helieve that all states are they believe that all states are "cold monsters", all great powers are imperialistic.

Finally, the hawkish doves (a category to which I am happy to belong), believe that detente was real, except that it was too limited and imperfect to survive. Hawkish doves believe that there has been a real change of strategy in Moscow, based on the Russians' percep-tions of both their weaknesses and strength, of looming dangers and opportunities, inside the Soviet Union and in the global balance of power.

But, say the hawkish doves, the Russians have enough common sense to be persuaded, by a strong show of Western unity and power, that there is no future in aggression and that a wider global détente is in their own interest, as well as in the interest of Man's survival on

European bawkish doves want to keep the word détente alive: the offer of a new détente must always be kept open to the Russians. The more dovish instincts of Continental Europeans may be of some use in preventing America from overreacting (to its own past weaknesses as well as to the Pursian challengs) and in keep. Russian challenge), and in keeping open channels of negotia-tion. But it would be fatal for the very hopes of the Euro-peans in the resurrection of a more genuine detente if Europe allowed itself to become sepa-rated from America, being in-capable of defending, alone, its own vital interests and in-

Earth.

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Post Office Telecommunications

Japan nervous over use of Okinawa-based marines

From Our Correspondent

Tokyo, Jan 30 sensitive Japan, highly matters related to international mr Brown was quoted as saying that a "more substantial Marine against any involvement in the report of Mr Harold Brown, the United States Defence Secretary, to Congress, yesterday, which included a suggestion of deploying in the Gulf area American Marines based on

Okinawa. In spite of official government denials to the contrary, opposition parties and news-papers today asserted that such an arrangement, if carried out, would constitute a clear violation of the United States Japan Security treaty in which areas

and scope of United States military movement from Japan are

limited to the Far East. In his report to Congress, brought from Okinawa as reinforcements" to ground operations in the Gulf area. The amphibious Marine force of 32,000 men stationed in Okinama of the 45,000 man awa is part of the 45,000 man defence structure which the United States keeps in Japan as an off-shore defence contin-

Opposition representatives asked Mr Masayoshi Ohira, the Prime Minister, in the House of Councillors (Upper House)

plenary session yesterday if such arrangements would also run counter to the provisions of the security treaty which call " prior consultation "

hetween the two governments on important troop movements.

While in theory Japan can veto any such United States requests, it has never invoked such authority, not even when American forces in Japan, including amphibious marine elements, were actively engaged in the Vietnam war. Indeed, there is no available evidence to show that such consultation has ever been held at all, A statement by Mr Brown that there was a need on the

the security treaty into "com-United States, Western Europe and Japan also provoked strong resistance. Opposition parties and news

papers suspected that such a trilateral arrangement might be designed to integrate Japanese defence capabilities on a global basis which according to them, would constitute a collective security arrangement prohibited under Japan's constitution.

Mr Ohira replied that this reflected a general desire on the part of Washington and " does not represent at all " any part of Japan to expand its mili-

Casting vote allows further thought on televising of debates

Mr Austin Mitchell (Grimsby, Lab) obtained leave to bring in a Bill to allow the televising of the Com-mons when Mr Bernard Weatherill. the Deputy Speaker, broke a tied vote by casting his own in favour

He did so, he explained, in order to give the House an opportunity to consider the matter again. MPs had voted 201 in favour and 201 against the Bill.

Mr Mitchell said that surveys of public opinion showed that the majority of people in this country wanted television coverage of Par-

His Bill would provide for the televising of the proceedings of the House of Commons and its commuttees, establish a Parliamentary Television Unit to control the tel vising, provide feeds and recordings to outside organizations, and maintain an electronic Hansard.

He added that a modern Parlia-ment was no longer a closed de-hading chamber in which members tried to sway the opinions of other members. The House was the stage where the political battle was fought. It was the great forum of the nation where the issues of the day were debated.

Those functions made communications to the world outside essen-

cations to the world outside essential and yet the House was a stage which few people watched or heard. If constituents had little knowledge of what was going on or what was being discussed, it was because they were excluded.

It was no good saying people should queue to get in the public gallery or ask people to buy Hansard. The reporting of proceedings in the quality press was a garbled

Radio was not an appropriate nicdium for coverage. It gave the impression of chaos and disorder, listeners were infuriated by the radio because they could not see

what was going on. They should look at the successful Canadian precedent where television, after being feared, was now

This is a serious attempt the said) to bring this House to the people of our country, to bring us into line with those European par-

They could not afford to put themselves in the position, as they seemed to be saving, that either proceedings were so awful they must be kept from the people or the people were too stupid to com-prehend all that went on in the

The chamber seriously discussed issues which affected people and they would be better off seeing it. Television coverage of Parliamentary proceedings would put this House where it belonged—at the centre of this nation's community and this nation's affairs. Mr John Stokes (Halesowen and Stourbridge, C) said television was an extension of broadcasting and in a short time that had proved a disaster—particularly over Prime Minister's question time, which

had been dropped.
Television was essentially a branch of show business. It must continuously entertain. By its very nature it exaggerated the sensational, the trivial and the scandalous. It would do the same in the

was bound to emphasize the background noises, the scenes, the

A suggestion that foreigners buy-ing property in Britain should be taxed was made by a Conservative

peer during questions to Lord Cockfield, Minister of State, Treas-ury, about the stamp duty rates on the transfer of property, which had been unaltered for five years.

Lady Sharples (C) had said—The Chancellor of the Exchequer should consider raising stamp duty on the much more expensive houses to compensate for the possible loss if he raises the threshold for lower transplant or lower transplant or lower transplant or lower transplant.

old for lower stamp duty on lower priced houses.

Lord Cocklield-That interesting

suggestion will certainly be examined. However, I see one immediate problem namely that the in-

crease in the duty on the more expensive houses might need to be

quite considerable to make good the loss of revenue on the smaller properties.

properties.

Lord Gisborough (C)—This tax was introduced in 1694 three years before the window tax which was abolished in the year of the Great Exhibition. It is time this tax was thrown out of one of the long-since windows.

Lord Cockfield-Stamp duties are

one of the oldest and most honour-able of our taxes. (Laughter.) Their origin lay in the great ease

honourable tax

Stamp duty an old and

and serious work done in the chamber, in committee and even outside the Palace altogether. Some members would try to hog

Television was obsessed with irrelevant details. It would show up members' dress, behaviour, the yawns, the occasional paps. yawns, the occasional naps. (Laughter.) Lady members would have their dresses and bats featured as would the sartorial ecceptricities of their more flamboyant

there, and people would not realize that much good work was being done outside the chamber.

If the relevision came into the House, they would have to rehearse their speeches at home in front of the mirror. They would be front of the mirror. They would be judged more on their public per-formance as actors than for their

The press thought that this was a lished at all.

that mattered more than words. Today, in less great days, people suffered from a plethora of news and comment which went on

By televising the proceedings of Parliament, people would be governed by Cackles, shricks, hysteria, shouting, gestures, and all manner of demonstrations.

When the voting figures were monuced—201 in favour and 20 against— Mr Bernard Weatherill, the Deputy Speaker, said: In order to give the House an opportunity of reconsidering this matter I give my vote in favour of the ayes.

Mr Stanley Cohen (Leeds, South East, Lab), raising a point of order, said: Is it not the usual practice in a case of a tied vote for the Speaker to cast his vote in favour of the status quo?

The Deputy Speaker—On the mat-ter of this kind, and I gave it serious thought because it occurred to me that something of this kimi might happen, it would this kind might happen, it would be right and fair to give the House an opportunity of discussing the matter again. (Cheers.)

Mr Michael Brotherton (Louth, C) asked the Deputy Speaker to reconsider the point because, he

is open to the House. This is not a motion. It does not dispose of it finally. It is a Bill and comes finally. It is a still and comes forward for further consideration by the House and can then be approved or rejected. (Cheers.) When he asked for a date to be set for the second reading of the

Mr Walker attacked despite his success in fisheries negotiations

Mr Peter Walker, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, came under attack for the Governcame under attack for the Govern-ment's failure to give MPs a chance to debate the matter before he had reached agreement in Brussels yesterday on total allowable fishing

male colleagues.

Those MPs inclined to show off would be still more tempted to do

Constituents would peer into their screens to see if their MP was

The main objection was that the presence of the camera would fun-damentally after the character of the House. The intimate atmosphere such as was experienced now, would thange into a spectacle upon the hustings before an audience of 55 million people.

matter of tremendous importance because it concerned them. In fact, it was not an important matter at all. In the greatest days of this country the proceedings of Parliament were not allowed to be pub-In those great days it was deeds

suggested, by casting his vote the way he had, he had not left the issue open to the House. The Deputy Speaker-The matter

Bill there was a shout from the Conservative back benches of "Never".

of taxing a piece of paper rather

than fixing a somewhat elusive individual. The current yield of stamp duties is £550m so his sing gestion does raise certain difficul-

Lord Morrison-Has the Govern-

ment considered levying stamp duty not on purchase, but on sale, as is done in certain other coun-

tries, to help first-time home buyers while largely maintaining

Lord Cockfield—The stamp duty itself is not a charge either on the buyer or seller. It is discharged on

the conveyance itself. It so happens because the purchaser is the person who needs to have the deeds, de facto the burden rends to

fall on the purchaser. It is open to question if we tried to impose a tax on the vendor that it would not be

passed on in the price.

This is an interesting suggestion which we have looked at before and will certainly look at again.

Lord Hawke-The Government should consider an extra tax on the

purchase of property in this country by foreigners such as Arabs and the Dutch.

always grateful to receive sugges-tions, ones for the imposition of

Lord Cockfield-While I

Labour MPs, led by Mr Roy
Mason, chief Opposition spokesman on agriculture and fisheries,
said the Leader of the House had
promised a debate before agreement was reached. Mr Walker, in a statement about the Council of Fisherles Ministers'

meeting yesterday, said that agreement had been reached on total allowable catches (TACs) for 1980. He said: These are based on scientific advice with a few minor changes to take account of arrange-ments with third countries and, in a very limited number of cases, other factors. The agreement takes adequate account of the vital need to conserve stocks and it will form a good basis for further decisions on an effective Community con-

Agreement was also reached on the introduction of a Community system of catch reporting. Report-ing will start next month on the basis of existing procedures and a full Community system is intended

pass of exising procedures and a full Community system is intended to be agreed by July 1.

The signature of the framework agreements with Norway, Spain and Guinea-Bissau were agreed to. In the case of Norway this will help to strengthen the Community's links with a country whose waters provide United Kinsdom fishermen with years. whose waters provide United Kingdom fishermen with very important fishing opportunities. In the case of Spain the Community's willingness to sign the framework agreement will, because of the reference in it to reciprocity of fishing opportunities, belp the Commission in the forth-coming megaticities, with the coming negotiations with coming negotiations with the Spaniards on fishing during 1980. This was a meeting in which significant progress was made towards agreement on a revised common fisheries policy. Mr Roy Mason (Barusley, Lab)—Does Mr Walker not think that he has represed on an involunt he has reneged on an undertak-ing to the House by the Leader of the House (Mr Norman St John Stevas) on July 13 when the Scrutiny Committee on European

the House confirmed that this 1980 raises questions of political nized this as a perfectly sensible should be so on July 13. Importance and recommends that step, in agreement with British the House confirmed that rus should be so on July 13.
This seems to be a blatant disregard of the scrutiny committee request and certainly a dishonouring of the undertaking which the Leader of the House gave. I have he will clear it not. hope he will clear it up.
On catch levels in 1980, what

efits will British fishermen get this year compared with last year?
On catch reporting, will he say more about the proposed monitoring of reports of unloading at sea, of log books revealing catch declarations and checks of unloading at the case of the control of the catch declarations. sea. On national quotas, what is the share-out? What is the quota element for the United Kingdom?

I hope that Mr Walker stands
by the united view of the industry. by the united view of the industry and the House on conservation and proper protection, and the 12 miles exclusive zone and 12-50 mile dominant preference area. Mr Walker.—The fishing industry

with whom I am in close contact and who were with us in Brussels will be disappointed at this rather sour attitude towards the progress made.

The fishing industry welcomes the fact that at long last a break has taken place in the deadlock and that we can get away from the lack of agreement reached by the previous Government.

I am very auxious for debates to take place at the earliest opportunity, on the terms of the TACs.

The plea of the Ornosition and

The plea of the Opposition and ourselves has been that TACs should be based on scientific evidence.
The TACs we negotiated successfully yesterday were based on scientific evidence. I cannot be lieve that anybody in the House would dispute the TACs negotiated yesterday. The fishing industry was delighted at the progress we

On quotas and access the Government's position remains as clearly stated at and since the dection. Having agreed the TACs and catch reporting, we can move to discussing quotas which are not based on the rigid quota system in existence before the Government came into power. Ing to the House (Mr Norman St John St Leader of the House (Mr Norman St John Stevas) on July 13 when the Scrutiny Committee on European Legislation recommended a debate should take place before any agreeon July 13 last year. The commitmen on TACs and the Leader of the House by the Leader of the House on July 13 last year. The commitmen on TACs and the Leader of the House by the Leader of the House on July 13 last year. The commitmen on TACs and the Leader of

importance and recommends that it should be further considered in

on fishing matters.

The Leader of the House said clearly that ministers would not come to an agreement on any legislative proposal recommended by the scrutiny committee for further consideration by the House before the House has given it further consideration.

Mr Walker What Mr Mason is sion a week ego, very much in line with the policy of this Gov-ernment and the previous erument and the previous Government we should not have made progress or reached agreement, but stopped it. It would have been against the interests of the fishing industry, and the wishes of the House.

Mr Enoch Powell (South Down Off UU)—Is the minister sanistice with enisting reporting procedures, because, miless be is, the whole system of control fells to the ground.

Mr Walker-I am unable to say that I am satisfied with existing reporting procedures until they have been put into operation and we can examine how effective they are, but I agree that unless these procedures are properly moni-tored and agreed for all countries, they are meaningless.

By considering national procedures before moving to a Community basis, we can examine them to see that they are proper

Mr. Denald Stewart (Western Isles, Scot Nat)—As the expres-sion "treaking of the deadlock" in negotiations with the Common Market has ominous connotations for some of us, can be confirm that at this stage the Government is still dealing with fisheries on the basis of a single issue and a settlement on limits but not on

Mr Walker—This has been treated as a single issue. There has been no pressure on the Government from any source for dealing with it otherwise.

The agreements yesterday were welcomed by a wide range of representatives in the industry with us in Brussels. They recog-

policy.

Mr. Inlius Silverman (Birmineham the scrutiny committee, may I press him on the scrutiny procedure and the Government's undertaking which has been flagrantly disregarded?

In all 18 documents relating to fisheries have been recommended for debate by the committee. The last time a debate took place on fisheries policy was November, 1977. Not only the House but many MPs with important constituency interests are affected by this and the minister has not had the courtesy to inform the committee intended to agree to these pro-

Before Christmas one of the instruments recommended for debate was passed through by the with the undertaking, him coming no the House and explaining that he had done so. I hope the minister will realise this is not only a disregard for the committee set up by the House but a dis-regard for the interests of the House. (Labour cheers.)

Mr Walker—I have no disregard for the committee. There were a large range of fishing questions to be debated before this Government came to power and I have expressed a willingness to debate a whole range of major issues at state. I would be delighted to debate this one on which, as far as I know, there is no disagreement of any degree with any party in the House.

Mr Alexander Pollock (Moray and Naira, C)—In view of his welcome statement about progress on a revised fisheries policy, can we take it that this gives the lie to those who suggest there might be any question of a self-our of British fishing interests in any future negotiations about the EEC budget?

Mr Walker—There never has been and would be no question of sell-ing out on the basis of negotiations

Mr David Penhaligon (Truro, L)-The present system of reporting see that our fish catches is nothing short of abject, total farce. The White Fish Authority paper showed that twanter-

ught. (Laughter.) Why is it believed that a European system would be 1 per cent better than this abject, miserable farce which is ruining the West Country fishing industry?

Mr Walker-The only way we will conserve fish in the South-West is if we develop and have a sensible system of catch-reporting. Without it fishing in this country and Europe will be finished in an intolerably short period of tim Unless we have an effective and properly policed system of catch reporting the deterioration will go

on. We agreed yesterday to atsempt to achieve such a system. Mr Albert McQuartie (Rast Aberdeenstire, C)—Was the question of cheep fish imported into Britain discussed? There is considerable unrest in the fishing industry. Yesterday 1,000 boxes of fish were left unsold in Peterhead because of the failure to 1820. reach proper prices due to cheap fish imports.

Mr Walker—I am aware of the anxiety. I have had meetings with the fishing industry and made clear that if there is evidence of dumping we can take the appropriate measures.

This is a matter which the fishing industry knows I am anxious to review and examine with them Mr Douglas Jay (Wandsworth, Battersea, North, Lab)—As he is in clear breach of undertakings given to the House, which under-mines the whole scruminy commit-tee system, can be assure us that he and the Leader of the House will ensure it does not happen.

Mr Walker—I am anxious that any of these topics concerning my de-partment are debated and discussed. I am auxious to discuss any of these questions. I hope soon there will be a discussion. Mr Ian Sproat (Aberdeen, South, C)—Did he make known to our European partners the deep concern felt by the British fishing industry at the hidden subsidies given to the fishing industries by European competitors?

Mr Walker—Our objective is to see that our fishing industry is not in a position of unfair competition with the fishing industry of our

Mr Thomas Torney (Bradford, South, Lab)—In view of the assu-rances he has given that there will

be no sell-out of the British fishing industry, would be agree that 60 per cent of the common Community catch is caught in British waters? In view of that, would be ensure that at least 45 per cent of the total Community catch which Britain's trawlermen are demanding should be ensured for the British fishing industry and not the 25 per ceut we understand ti French are demanding we have?

Mr Walker-The fishing industry of this country is well aware it is immensely to their advantage to have an agreement on a common fishing policy. In terms of conservation of the fish they hope to fish in future, it is vital that a conservation policy is agreed to.

Mr Peter Fraser (South Angus, C) —Can he give an assurance that the agreement and proposal for agreement are mot wholly based on a system of quotas?

Mr Walker-I can give that assur

Mr John Prescott (Kingston upon Hull, East, Lab)—The point that would concern Humberside is that there is no longer a guarantee that there will be a debate in this House on fishing matters before they are concluded they are concluded.

Mr Walker-With all the uncer-

tainty and difficulties Humberside has, it will be pleased that we made this progress yesterday. Mr Mark Hughes (Durham, Lab)
—Mr Walker has treated the
scrutiny committee and this House
with gross discourtesy. There are
a number of us who would not be
able to accept the marine biologists' agreement which he has
accorded on total allowable
carches

The method of providing infor-mation to the member states on catches landed is inadequate unless there is an effective licen-

Mr Walker-I am anxious, harm Mr Walker—t am anxious, mappy and willing to have a debate on fishing. It is the total ignoring of-markee biologists and scientific evidence that has resulted in the

Henley Tories have offices controversy

no plans to develop municipal enterprise, was then involved in exchanges about a plan by Conser-vative councillors in his own constituency for a new Sim office block for headquarters.

Mr David Alton (Liverpool, Edge Hill, L) asked Mr Heseltine-What advice will be give to the Mayor and leader of his own local council in Henley, who resigned this week, and to five Tory councillors there, who have called a special council meeting, to consider development of the film sider development of the f3\m new office block being financed by the majority Tory group on the councus?

Mr Heseltine (Henley, C)—It is difficult for me to comment— (Labour interruptions and laughter)—on individual decisions of individual authorities. But I was concerned when the local authority n South Oxfordshire decided to in South Oxfordshire decided to build a new headquarters, when I was not Secretary of State. They did so with the support of a Liberal vote on the council. (Renewed laughter.)

But I cannot comment on anything which has happened since I became Secretary of State. I can only report the facts on which MPs only report the facts on which MPs was indee if they wish. There was widespread debate.

The local Tory party called an emergency meeting when, by an overwhelving majority, it was decided that they would advise

their councillors not to proceed

Getting swift

from planners

Mr Tom King, Minister for Local Government and Environmental Services (Bridgwater, C), questioned about streamlining planning procedures, said—We hope to introduce shortly, probably within the next two months, a system of effectively almost immediate decision-making by inspectors, in appropriate cases, where there has been agreement with the parties

een agreement with the parties concerned.

This will be a significant contributor to improving the speed of operation of the planning system.

Parliamentary notices House of Commons
Today at 2.30: Debate on Royal Comnission report on Environmental Pollution relating to agriculture and
politution.

House of Lords
Today at 3: Debate on metrication.

decisions

quarters.
Some Tory councillors have called an emergency council meeting and it will be for the council, as a result of that meeting, to decide what to do. In this case, one can rely on the

In this case, one can rely on the good sense of the Tory Party.

Earlier, Mr Guy Barnett (Greenwich, Lab) had told Mr Heseltine—He has turned his back completely on the Chamberlain tradition. Is he not prepared to encourage municipal emerprise?

Why is he putting up legislation indicating that he thinks central government knows hetter than a government knows better than a local authority on how to run its direct labour organization? Mr Heseltine—If Chamberlain had seen as much municipal enterprise as I have, he may have had a dif-

as I have, he may have had a dir-ferent view.

Mr Sydney Chapman (Barnet, Chipping Barnet, C)—As a splendid example of municipal enterprise, has he seen the propo-sal of the London borough of Ken-sington, Chelsea, where its in-house architects' department is to form itself into a private consul-tancy at the wish of department

have the opportunity to set them-selves up as a free enterprise company.
This is an interesting initiative and one I would want to see considered on a much wider scale.

Mr Jack Dormand (Easington, Lab)—had asked what representations the Secretary of State for the Environment had received about the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act 1977 and whether he was satisfied with the working of the

Mr Stanley (Tonbridge and Malling, C)—The local authorities asso-

ling, C)—The focal authornies asso-ciations and the voluntary organi-zations concerned have been asked for their views on the operation of the Act, but I have not yet received all their replies. I expect to do so shortly and we will complete the review as soon as practicable thereafter.

practicable thereafter.

Housing Bill will not

increase homelessness

Mr John Stanley, Minister for put on the statute book? What Housing and Construction, denied at question time that the effect of the Housing Bill now before Parisament would be to increase home-

Long delays in sale of council houses

In some areas there were substantial delays in processing applications for the sale of council houses, Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment (Henley, C) said. He hoped to make an announcement on the subject ehortly. thought Mr Allaim would have welsubject shortly.

In reply to Mr David Madel (South Bedfordshire, C) the minister said he had no evidence as to the average time taken by local

authorities to complete council I am aware (he went on) that in certain areas, including Mr Madel's constituency, there have been substantial delays in process-ing applications. I am considering what more I can do to help before the Housing Bill becomes law Mr Madel—Will the minister shortly be in a position to help council house tenants who had valuations of their properties in 1978 and 1979 and, through no fault of theirs are still not able to a

fault of theirs, are still not able to complete the purchase of their Mr Heseltine—I am very much aware of the problems and hope to make a statement shortly. Mr Frank Allann (Salford, East, Lab)-The sale of houses involve without taking on a vast number of extra officials or psying solicitors to do the lob, both of which involves public expenditure?

Mr Heseltine—Of course, there is a public expenditure cost but as the gain to the people concerned is immeasurably greater I would have

shorthold. Our view is that this will make no difference to the operation of the legislation. The position of local authorities in in-

terpreting their responsibilities under the homeless persons legisla-tion will remain unchanged.

Mr Hattersley—He was kind enough to concede that passing the Bill at present in front of Parliament would increase the amount of homelessness. (Conservative protests.) That was the nature of his answer. (Labour cheers.) What, will local authorities have to say on that subject?

Mr Stanley—He has misunderstood what I said. There was no question of saying that the Bill before the House would increase homeless-

on that subject?

Labour Governmen

Later Mr John Stanley, Minister for Housing and Construction, said that seasonally adjusted, the rise

thought Mr Allaim would have welcomed a little public expenditure
because of the massive benefit to
the mants that would follow.
He added, in response to a further question, that he would not
only encourage local authorities to
make more use of estate agents
and solicitors; he would encourage
local government to adopt the
principles of greater flexibility and
economy that use of private sector economy that use of private sector services could offer. Mr Richard Mitchell (Southampton, Itchen, Lab)-In Southamp ton 500 people wishing to buy their council houses have been gazumped due to delays in com-

pleting contracts.

People who have spent consider. People who have spent commen-able stoms arranging a mortgage find they are being asked up to £3,000 extra Mr Heseltine—I am going to make

a statement shortly on the general problem. Mr Mitchell is drawing the House's attention to the phenomenon of the change in house prices that took place between the time when originally people applied and when the valuations took place. I would be the first to which was largely under the

that seasonally adjusted, the rise in average house prices in the United Kingdom in the four quarters beginning October 1978 was 7 per cent, 5½ per cent, 6½ per cent and 6½ per cent respectively. The fourth quarter 1979 figure would be available on February 4.

Co-ownership bodies can sell houses

The Government intended to bring forward amendments to the Hous-ing Bill which would enable charitable, cooperative and co-owner-ship associations to sell to their members if they wished. Mr John Stanley, Minister for Housing and Construction, said during ques-

tions. Mr John Stanley (Tonbridge and Malling, C)—added that about one-third of Housing Association tenants would have the right to buy, provided the criteria set out in the Bill were met. Mr Thorne-Is there going to

Mr Thorne—is there going to be any particular compulsion to sell back to the Housing Corporation within a five-year period or because they have paid the full mortgage payments during their tenure, will they be allowed to get away without having to sell back? Mr Stanley—Co-ownership associa-tions are self-governing bodies. Their financing is different from those housing associations which thave been in receipt of housing association grants. It will be for those associations to make their own arrangements as to how sales are made.

Heritage fund to get charitable status for taxation purposes Finance Bill which will, for tax

On the report stage of the National Heritage. Bill which establishes a fund for acquiring and preserving land, buildings and objects of outstanding interest, Mr Tam Dalyeli (West Lothian, Lab) moved the first of a group of new clauses to exempt from stamp duty fund-financed transactions. The clause stated that exemption

would apply on conveyance or transfer of property to the Trustees of the National Heritage Memorial Fund or to any body or institution who had received a grant or loan in acquiring the Mr Dalyell said total exemption to the trustees. Some 21 per cent duty could now be paid where the trustees made an acquisition and then transferred it elsewhere.

Another new clause related to capital transfer tax. The fund was not large enough and clearly needed more capital, Anything and everything which could be done to encourage the making of gifts to the fund should be done.

Donors were only human, and for them to have to give in the knowledge that they or their exec-utors would have to pay capital transfer tax would be most damaging.

Mr Patrick Cormack (South-West Staffordshire, C) said that there was a great deal of substance in what Mr Dalyell had said. There was a case for conideration. Mr Peter Rees, Minister of State, Treasury (Dover and Deal, C), said he had an undertaking to give which would allay many fears. It is the firm intention (he said) to introduce provisions in the next

purposes, give the fund advantages which are no less than the advan-tages of those who enjoy charitable status. I say, advisedly, no less than that, because in one regard it would be our intention to give them slightly more than that Status.

They felt that the fund should be

added to the list of bodies exempt from tax in paragraph 12 of sche-dule 6 to the Finance Act, 1975, for the purposes of CTT. That was to say that there would be total exemption for CTI purposes, without limit, because there were cer-tain limits on normal disposals in favour of charities.

They proposed that for fiscal purposes they should not have less

than the advantages enjoyed by those who had charitable status. A Conservative new clause sought to extend the acceptance of property in lieu to give relief from in income tax. It did not limit it to the deceased or his estate and ite was not certain why tax arising after death or on the residual har property of the estate should be so exempt.

Mr Andrew Faulds (Warley, East, Lab) Opposition spokesman on the arts, said that in the case of the Sellern collection, paintings might have to be sold to pay for some of those outstanding taxes, thereby diminishing the collection. If they did 'not exempt, there would be problems within months of setting up the fund.

Mr Rees said that he could not give an undertaking but would bear in mind the dire warnings given.

The new clause was withdrawn

Minister apologizes for not heeding own advice

Sir Ian Percival, Solicitor General, apologized for an error he had made in the House on Monday when he had given his understanding of why judgments in the case he was discussing had not been available more speedily.

I am glad that I made clear that I was not criticizing anybody. I have heard the details of what has

He said then that Lord Den-ning's judgment in the appeal court hearing of the private steel companies' application for an injunction was not available because "union rules prevent the short-hand writers from typing the pro-ceedings on Sundays." I have apologized to the short-and writers (he said) and I wish to apologive to the House and Mr Michael English (Nottingham, West, Lab), in response to whose point of order I made the mistake.

It is ironic that I made it in the

context of advising others always to check their facts before com-

I am glad that I made clear that I was not criticizing anybody. I have heard the details of what has to be done from the man in charge. Those concerned were faced with a task for which they are not geared, at short noice, having to take judgments of the court late on a Saturday afternoon. They did remarkably well and deserve our thanks.

Mr Michael English: I thank Sir Ian Percival for his statement which covers the point. He would agree that the people to whom he was referring were not merely not affected by trade union rules but are not members of a trade union but shareholders in a private com-

Mr Roy Hattersley, chief Opposi-tion spokesman on the environ-ment (Birmingham, Sparkbrook, Lab)—What did the replies he has mr key figuresiey, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment (Birmingham, Sparkbrook, Lab)—What did the replies he has received so far have to say about the effect on the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act of the possibility of the present Housing Bill being problem of homelessness. **Artificially low price of domestic** gas to be phased out Town planning A virility symbol for Labour

The poorest sections of the community would be used as instruments of conservation when the Government increased prices for gas and electricity, Lord Strabolgi, for the Opposition, said when he opened a debate on the increases.

He said in real terms the Government in the commons and the increases and decision would increase gas by 29 per cent, and electricity by 23 per cent during 1980. It had also decided that prices must continue over energy supplies and of rising decided that prices must continue over energy supplies and of rising decided that prices must continue over energy supplies and of rising decided that prices must continue over energy supplies and of rising decided that prices must continue over energy supplies and of rising decided that prices must continue over energy supplies and of rising decided that prices must continue over energy supplies and of rising decided that prices must continue over energy supplies and of rising the basic thesis that gas prices had 23 per cent during 1980. It had also decided that prices must continue to rise every year for the next three years by 10 per cent more than the inflation rate for gas, and 5 per cent for electricity.

Forecasts from the London Businers School calculated that within

ness School calculated that within three years gas prices would have increased by more than 80 per cent and electricity by nearly 60 per cent.

The rate and pace of these increases, far above the rate of infla-tion, had caused considerable alarm throughout the country. They would fall most heavily on the poorest sections of the com-munity, particularly on those people who used gas because it was cheaper. The higher prices would have a grave effect, particularly in Scotland and the north where the climate was more severe, and there would be increased risks of deaths

from hypothermia. The Government claimed that the enormous increase in the price of gas was to reduce demand and to conserve a finite source of

events had underlined that today's was a world of great uncertainty over energy supplies and of rising energy costs. Oil 'was becoming increasingly scarce and expensive. The price of oil affected that of all other forms of energy, both directly in forcing up the costs of production or generation, and inproduction or generation, and in-directly by forcing up the value of the fuels which were in competi-tion with oil products.

A sensible energy pricing policy was essential for a balanced energy conservation policy. When the price of gas to the domestic consumer was too low there was a risk of shortages and supply cuts on cold winter days. cold winter days. Not everyone was fortunate. enough to have access to gas sup-ply. Under-pricing of domestic gas benefited those who had gas at the expense of others who might not have access to it, who might through no fault of their own be locked into some other form of

hearing. The Government were progressively phasing out artificially low to conserve a limite source of correct, but it would be those people least able to bear it who would be used a instruments of conservation.

The old and the poor people decessor it was not ducking to would be deprived of energy so that there was more of it available situation.

Lady Stedman (Lab) said she had yet to find an ordinary voter who could understand wity with inflation at over 17 per cent the profits of an already profitable corporation should be made to rise by another 29 per cent. If the Govern-ment could intervene in this way with the gas industry It could more profitably involve itself in the steel

industry. Lord Kaldor (Lab) said he supposed the increase in the price of electricity had been included because misery loved company. Yet it went a long way to upset the Government's objective of giving incentives to use electricity.

Lord Lucas of Chilworth (C) said
he found the Government's han-

the basic thesis that gas prices had been too low and conservation wrong and the envisaged rate of increase must be abandoned for a much more gradual acceleration.

dling of the marketing of the in-creases appalling. Lord Balogh Lab) said the way gas prices had been raised would exa-cerbate the problems of wage con-trols. That was the most regret-table part of it. It could only stimulate cynicism and anger.

paper to be published soon The Government would publish a consultation paper shortly containing details of its proposals for amending the Town and Country Planning General Development (Amendment) Order, Mr Marcus Fox, Under Secretary for the Environment, said. Mr Robin Squire (Havering, Horn-church, C)—Will he give an assurance that the general develop-

ment order proposed by the Cov-eroment will reduce the incidence of private dwellings requiring min-imum adoptation having to go through this cumbersome and time consuming planning process? Mr Fox-I can give that assurance We shall be mindful of this. But we are anxious not to allow houses to be split into two without planning permission, which could have considerable consequences on the inner cities.

Mr Anthony Speller (North Devon-

C)-When considering protec-

tion to be granted under the gen-

eral development order, would he

consider problem areas such as

national parks and conservation

areas? Mr Fox-The reason our consultation paper is taking longer than hoped for in circulation is what he has said. We are seeking to exempt

The Opposition was determined to get a timetable motion on the Education Bill from the start of its committee stage, Mr Mark Carliste, Secretary of State for Education and Science (Runcorn, C) said when moving the guillotine motion providing that the committee stage should end by February 4 and the report and third reading be completed in two sittings of the House of Commons.

As reported in later editions of

As reported in later editions of The Times yesterday. Mr Carlisle said timetable motions invariably caused indignation in an opposition but on this occasion any such indignation could not be more synthetic or unjustified. The Bill, which had 37 clauses, had already been in committee for 82 bours and it was clear from the outset the Opposition were determined to get a timetable motion. They had brought this motion on themselves. brought this motion on themselves. It seemed that Mr Neil Kinnock, the chief Opposition spokesman on education, looked upon the achievement of a guilloine motion as some form of virility symbol. From the start of the committee stage, he was determined to have a guillotine debate believing that it would enable him to make some flamboyant, hysterical speech rather than busying himself with detailed discussion of the Bill. The need for the Bill was clear. If local education authorities were to achieve the savings which the Government was looking for in the coming financial year it was necessary for this provision deal-

ing with meals and transport to be on the statute book before the commencement of the financial year and the beginning of the sum-Mr Nell Kinnock, chief Opposition

mr Neil almock, chier Opposition spokesman on education (Bedwellty, Lab) said that Mr Carlisle was complaing about the virility of the Opposition. Comparison with the 1978 Bill exposed the inadequacy of the then opposition and the way in which it was too tired, lazy or misinformed to fulfil its parliamentary duties of scrutiny. The guillotine fell tonight on The guillotine fell tonight on clauses that referred to school milk, meals and transport in Eng-land, Scotland and Wales. These were the most sensitive, the most political clauses, the clauses that meant a fix on parenthood. Mr William Van Straubenzee (Wokingham, C) said the time

would come when the House would regard this kind of ritualistic dance as an anachronism. Mr John Farr (Harborough, C) said he hoped this timetable motion would not prevent proper discussion of what amounted to the heart and soul of the Bill. To many MPs the clauses relating respectively to school meals and transport were vitally important. Mr Michael Foot, deputy leader of the Opposition (Ebbw Vale, Lab),

said a major alteration in educa-tion policy was being attempted in this Bill. Major burdens were to be placed on many families up and down the country. It would have been far better in the Govern-

ment's own interests if it had been prepared to allow a longer discus-sion and debate. The Bill might be described betre be might be assended bet-fer perhaps as the Free School Transport (Abolition) Bill, the Poverty Trap (Extention) Bill or the Hir the Children First Bill. Any of these titles would be more appo-site.

Mr Norman St John-Stevas, Chan-cellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Leader of the Hopse (Chelms-ford, C), said that under the Gov-ernment proposals a local educa-tion authority would continue to be able to help parents with arrangements for getting their children to school. It was not the Government's in-tention to do anything which could

be regarded as discriminating against families whose children attended church schools as a matter of religious conviction. The Secretary of State (Mr Car-The Secretary of State (Mr Carlisle) would consider moving an amendment at the report stage if he thought it necessary to ensure that there was no discrimination against children attending denominational schools. The Government did not expect any change to the system in practice.

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No Government should resort to
one lightly and they should be
implemented where a case had
been proved. been proved.

The motion was carried by 304 votes to majority, 49. 255- Government

Minister in talks to combat waste

The Government is considering the future of the national and waste programme, Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environ ment, said during questions. He said that in the meantime the staff or the national anti-waste programme were carrying on with nor- and arrivities. mal activities.

Mr Michael Morris (Northampton, South, C)—It is time we get behind these programmes instead of letting them drift. Mr Heseltine (Henley, C)—I am initiating a series of discussions inside my department and outside with that objective.

Mr Aifred Dubs (Wandsorth, Battersea, South, Lab)—Is he satisfied with efforts of local authorities in clearing waste paper, bearing in mind the volume of imports of waste paper from the Comment? Mr Heseltine-In many areas if does not offer an economic pay-off to recycle waste paper. That makes it difficult to encourage local authorities to take it on as an additional burden on their catepayers. I do not want to appear dismissive or negative. I am concerned to help in any way either by research projects, dissemination of information or encouragement within the conditions of what we can afford in pursue the objective of using waste effectively and to protect the environment to the userse extent

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New Books

An irrational man of Reason

The Life and Thought of William Godwin, 1756-1836

By Don Locke (Routiedge & Kegan Paul,

A philosopher called Locke has written a life of William Godwin and it turns out to be the first important life of the year. Even better, a philosopher who, as Professor of Philosophy at the University of Warwick, has written, among other titles, Perception and our knowledge. knowledge of the external world and Myself and Others and been reproved for the flatness of his prose, turns out to possess all the biographer's natural gifts of organization, sympathy details and the prosess of the sympathy, detachment, wit, and Godwin is a biographer's

gift. His life covers a period of the greatest diversity and excitement in the history of Britain and Europe, a diversity reflected in the progress of his own occupations and beliefs.
Successively Calvinist, Deist.
Atheist and Pantheist, school
teacher, moralist, anarchist,
novelist, dramatist, historian,
publisher of books for publisher of books for children, and bankrupt, God-win declared himself "a votary of paradox", did most of his thinking in print and revised inexhaustibly. As the author of Political Justice (1793), Calch Williams (1794), and the pamphlet Cursory Strictures (1794) he was for seven years the most notorious writer in declared there would be no England and stopped more need. It is not too much to say effectively than any other a that money, or rather lack of it, reactionary stampede against poisoned his life. sedition at home during the Terror in France.
At the age of 41 he married

Mary Wollstonecraft, who died in childbirth in less than six months. Seventeen years later their daughter ran off with, months. Seventeen years later their daughter ran off with, and subsequently married, Shelley, having meanwhile written Prankenstein which breathes Godwin's influence throughout, as does Prometheus Unbound. Not the least of the ironies in which Godwin's life and this book are rich is that he ended his days in the Palace of West-minster as Office Keeper and yeoman Usher of the Receipt of the Exchequer, two of the Exchequer, wo of whose duties were to dake care that it be at all times fit for use?

There seems to be a deliciously real possibility that the old man's negligence—he went of the tireatre was a cause!

The month of the wind. There were god of the core in the Fally court and "to keep the Fire to the colors in the Fally court and "to keep the Fire to the colors in the Fally court and "to keep the Fire there is the faintest suggestion that is only what Godwin himself the president of the treatre was a cause. The moral inspiration of Political Instice is a belief in out to the theatre—was a cause of the famous fire from which the Turner, Pugin and posterity benefited so handsomely. He always claimed that he had never believed to the self thought, too.

The moral inspiration of Political Justice is a belief in the perfectibility of human nature, which would enable all institutional forms.

He was a virtuoso in cackhandedness and poor timing— he published a defence of Napoleon for days after the Battle of Waterloo—and it is hard to think of any writer in whose work and life theory and prac-

tice clash so relentlessly, trivially and fundamentally, from first to last. This is his most rewarding aspect of all for the biographer-as much had heen biographer—as much had heen guessed in recent years from Richard Holmes's book on Shelley and Claire Tomaiin's Life and Death of Mary Wollstonecraft, but it was long overdue for investigation in a life of Godwin alone that would describe the premises and arguments of his thinking accessibly alongside his melancholy and varied fortunes in choly and varied fortunes in the world.

Godwin reached his peak of influence and achievement less than half way through his life and, with one or two exceptions, his work declined steadily, in quality though not in bulk, from then on. Locke solves this problem of imbalance by adopting the verbeing and ance by adopting the techniques of the empathetic biographerin which Godwin, with Chaucer and other works, was a pioneer—and looking at the years of Godwin's greatest humiliations through the mind of the man himself and the subject which haunted it for more than 20 years: neither Reason nor Truth nor Justice, the three beacons of his most famous book, but Money, for which, in the ideal world of Political Justice, he had declared there would be no

It made him devious, touchy and absurd. He was desperately in debt most of the time until he went bankrupt in 1828, and he could smell the possibility of relief like a fire-raiser's eye gleams at a straw in the wind. That was where Shelley—a

benefited so handsomely. He institutional forms of society Jane Godwin allowed them to, always claimed that he had to disappear, along with the whilst at various times of his never believed in the over-need for wealth, poverty, propling life. Godwin was throw of government, only in its erty and marriage. After mar acquainted, or embattled, with



Godwin aged 76 by Sophia Ghent.

rying, and losing Mary Woll- Burke, Paine, Fox, Gray, stonecraft Godwin decided that Southey, Wordsworth, Malthus, the "domestic and private Kemble, Bulwer Lytton, Agron the "domestic and private affections" were not, after all, anti-social and rewrote Political and Lady Caroline Lamb. They Justice accordingly. Once and many other contemporaries again, life failed to measure expressed opinions on philoso-

His second wife was Mary Jane Clairmont, a force-ful and disagreeable lady whom nobody had much time for but Locke believes was, as far as any woman could be, a good wife for William Godwin. Certainly she worked hard. As to the perfectibility of human nature, of the five children step-children attempted to support on their Juvenile Library (it was Mrs Godwin who commissioned Lamb's Tales from Shakespcare) two eloped and bare bastards to scandalous great poets, one died of cholera and the fourth killed herself and went to a pauper's grave in Swansea. Fanny was the child of Mary Wollstonecraft and Gilbert Imlay, and devoted to the Godwins, but she could bear the provocations of their poverty no longer.
Some friends felt the same,

but many remained loyal. Lamb, Hazlitt and Coleridge stayed as close as their own lives and their dislike of Mary

Burr (to whom he lent money) pher Godwin ranging from the idolatrous to the very rude—
no one remained indifferent to an irrational man of Reason—

and these brilliantly enliven the texture and text of A Fan-tusy of Reason. It was, after all, a dazzlingly articulate age. Philosopher Locke's verdict is, that, apart from being swamped by the posthumous reputation of his contemporary Bentham, and by the fact that the nineteenth century did not turn out the way it seemed it might in 1793, Godwin's ideas have been unjustly neglected both by anarchists (except Tolstoy) and by philosophers on the grounds that they have been "proved" wrong. "The real objection", he writes in conclusion, "is not that his theories have been tested and refuted; the objection is that they cannot be refuted because they cannot be tested". It is a wise conclusion to a splendid book because to a philosopher of any generation there cannot be many more maddening things than that. Godwin is untestable: Godwin will not,

Fiction

Movieola By Garson Kanin (Macmillan, £6.95)

The Long-haired Boy By Christopher Matthews

(Hamish Hamilton, £6.50) Emma

By Charlotte Bronte and Another Lady (Dent, £5.95)

A Reckoning By May Sarton

De mortuis nil nisi bunkum, 35 the old saying goes. The dead cannot answer back, so anything can be told about them. They may turn in their graves but they cannot reach for a

John Dos Passos and Upton Sinclair established the fashion what is now called "fac-n". Their fictional heroes in USA and in the Lanny Budd series of novels World's End travelled through recent his able catfights about who was tory, meeting many of the to play Scarlet O'Hara. leading figures of their time. Only Kanin's revelations are

Imaginary encounters with great men mixed the false and the true. Dos Passos even used film techniques, called NEWS-REEL and THE CAMERA EYE, to give his characters a plausible background in human events.

In this tradition, Garson Kanin's Morieola is a potted history of moving pictures from the founding days of Thomas Edison to the conglomerate committees of Gulf and Western. The story line is the life of Een Farber, who arrives as a Jewish immigrant child and rises from being a small film exhibitor to the ownership of his own Hollywood studio. Kanin uses no film techniques rs interesting as those of Dos Passos, but his movicola serves to run back certain sequences of Farber's life, which he recounts to a young hotshot, come to the Coast to buy up Farber's film company for a Middle Eastern financier.

Unlike Doctorow in Ragime, who used J. P. Morgan and Henry Ford as figures of folk-lore to syncopate his plot, lore to syncopate his plot, Kanin scatters famous names all over the pages like discarded film clips. Every star's name is dropped, every Hollywood scandal is cavedropped. Kanin reveals what happened when Virginia Rappedied after a party with Fatty Arbuckle, and exactly how Garbo's lover Mauritz Stiller mispronounced "Fork" to her, nor to mention the interminnot to mention the intermin-

the stuff wet dreams are made of, in prose that winks and leers at unsettingly erotic stew-ardesses, in dialogue glossy with lubricious spite, he gives a tabloid report on Hollywood's past that cannot be checked. He sticks the gossip of forty years spent in the film business to the gluc of real events. He is the flypaper on the bed-room walls. Abandon belief all ye that flit through here.

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The Long-Haired Boy turns fact into fiction more openly. lt acknowledges its inspiration from the most moving auto-biography of the Second World War, The Last Enemy, by Richard Hillary. Its author Christopher Matthews calls his work a novel, although he remains dependent on his source and hardly invents where he can disguise.

Yet Hillary's small master-piece was the actual story of a blithe and selfish undergraduate who was purified by fire and pain into a desperare com-prehension of common suffer-ing, while Matthews describes the alienation of his hero Hugh without seizing upon our sympathy. His spare realism is like a skin graft which does not take hold. He cannot recapture the abandon and horror of Hillary's account of his redemption by acrial pur-gatory and plastic surgery. A real tragedy is turned into a recreation, tears into tea-water. Emma is a straight case of

creative forgery and gall. At her death, Charlotte Bronte left the two opening chapters of a pencilled novel. Thackeray

reported her defence of it. " I always begin two or three times before I can please myself". But this was to be her only beginning, and new Another Lady has elongated it into a Gothic tale with all the Cornish trappings, more Daphne du Maurier than daughter of Haworth. All the modern conventions of the genre appear in this claborate pastiche, funereal carriages and screech owls, a gloomy house of mystery and a mauso-leum, while Emma hersolf appears as a marble-faced baby-snatcher and transvestite couchman. All the same, it is a good bone-shaking yarn, shrouded in the stuff of Bronte's prose without the genius. The truth is, the two

chapters as they were are best left to the imagination.. After such confusion be-tween the quick to publish and the dead it was illuminating to read A Reckoning of the condition of dying. May Sarton has written a profound and delicate novel about a woman's ending which may be fiction, but which rings almost as true as Simone de Beauvoir's memoir of her memor's nass. as Simone de Beauvoir's memoir of her morher's passing. There is a compassionate and scrupulous understanding in Sarton, which may make it easier for us to bear the illness of a beloved who is letting go living. Too much nonsense being printed about the mute and dead. But we who are about to die may salute

Andrew Sinclair

Servant of the Shah

The Fall of the Shah

Fereydoun Hoveyda was Iran's representative at the United Nations from 1971 to 1978. He also translated some of the Shah's books into French. His brother, Amir Abbas Hoveyda, was Prime Minister from 1965 to 1977 and after a grisly parody of a trial was executed last April by the revolutionary regime. But this is no apologia for the old regime, nor even, except for a page here and there, an indictment of the new one. The key to Mr Hoveyda's approach is the fact that his brother was arrested on November 8, 1978, when the Shah was still clinging to power and struggling to save his throne. Amir Abbas Hoveyda bad beco his right-hand man for twelve years during which Iran

not more so, the Shah's own By Fereydoun Hoveyda responsibility. (The reverse is (Weidenield & Nicolson, £6.95) not necessarily true : there were channels of authority which by-passed the Prime Minister.) By ordering or authorizing Hoveyda's arrest the Shah was implicitly condemning himself, while callously sacrificing his most faithful servant. It was the end of the Shah as an effective

Not surprisingly, this action has coloured Fereydoun Hoveyda's view of his former sovereign. He admits that he was prompted to write his book by anger at the Shah's attempt to clear himself of responsibility for Amir Abbas Hoveyda's death. (The Shah says he tried persuade the former Prime Minister to leave the country before his arrest, and again offered to get him out when he left himself in January 1979. Fereydoun Hoveyda denies both claims.) But he has tried, he says, "to curb my feelings so

was guilty of was equally, if features, since that would mark over his own reasons and those of his brother, for devoting their careers to his service. Mr Hoveyda likes to think of himself as a left-wing intellec-

tual. Educated at the French lycée in Beirut, he seems to have spent more of his life in Paris than in Iran. During the Fifties and early Sixties he was an official in UNESCO, and he menuous also having been a critic for Cahiers du Cinéma. To make the point that Queen Farah's cultural activities were Western-oriented and unrelated to Iran's authentic popular cul-ture he quotes . . . the art critic of Le Monde. His own perceptions of Iranian society are essentially those of a Western observer, but a detached and sensitive one.

As such, he admits to having been won over in the mid Sixties by the Shah's reformist programme, his promise to "go laster than the left". He gives the Shah credit for breaking the political influence of the twelve years during which Iran as to attempt to remain objective. Clearly it would not have all power concentrated in the Shah's hands. Anything Hoveyda scoundrel without redeeming raising living standards and

literacy. His thesis is that things only really began to go wrong in the early Seventies, when first the special relation-ship with Nixon and then the sudden increase in oil prices went to the Shah's head, en-couraging his megalomaniac tendencies.

He should, Hoveyda suggests, have used his position of strength to foster greater freedom and participation. Instead, he became more and more dic-tatorial and detached from reality, and when he announced a programme of "liberalization" in 1977 he was unable to give it any substance or credibility. Each reform was too little and too late, giving the impression of indecision and weakness.

There is nothing very new in this analysis, or in the evidence which Hoveyda produces to support it. He was not an eyewitness of the revolution, since he was in New York, relying for his information on. telephone calls and court gossip. His book is rather loosely structured, but short, lively and readable.

Edward Mortimer

On the fringe

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By D. G. Kirby (Hwst, 19.50) and the aftermath of Afghanistan

ir is natural to think of those countries on the fringes of the Soviet empire which have managed to retain their independence. Yugoslavia is the example that is on everyone's lips. But what of Finland, which achieved its independence from Russia little more than sixty years ago; which has subsequently fought two wars with the Soviet Union; which shares with it a border of nearly 800 miles; which has since 1948 had a treaty of friendsince 1948 had a treaty of friend ship, cooperation and mutual assistance with Moscow which makes it less than an ally but more than a neighbour; and which practises a special brand of neutrality taking particular care not to cause offence to

Soviet leaders?
It is understandable that there should be a special nervousness in Finland at this time, as there always is when tension mounts between the great powers. Significantly, Finland abstained in the United Nations on the vote for the withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan, when Yugoslavia felt free to vote for it. Finland's abstention was a measure of its determination not to do anything that might ruffle its determination with the Soviet its relations with the Soviet Union So this is a particularly appropriate time to read this careful examination by Dr Kirby, a lecturer at the School of Slavonic and East European School of Finland's of Slavonic and East European Studies in London, of Finland's foreign relations in the Kekkonen era, which covers more of the postwar years.

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He sets this analysis in the context of a broad history of Finland throughout this century,

Finland in the Twentieth
Century
By D. G. Kirby

By D. G. Kirby policy, and even indirectly

certain amount of its home policy, is determined by its proximity to the Soviet Union. There can be no doubt that the Soviet Union does exert strong pressure. It affects. Finnish Government policy and who can serve in a Finnish government. The Finns do not just do what the Russians rell them: the relationship is not so crude as that. They take every opportunity to maintain their links with Western Europe, to encourage detente for its own sake—as in their sponsorship of the Helsinki conference—and to play an active part in the outside world. anything that would really upser the Sovier Union.
Sinflarly, while Finland is a genuine parliamentary democracy, no politician will be given office who is unacceptable to But they are careful not to do

office who is unacceptable to Moscow. That is one reason, though by no means the only one, why the Conservatives are not in the Government today even though they are the second even though they are the second largest party in a multi-party system. In terms of both policy and people it is self-censorship that the Finns practise.

At the end of his book Dr Kirby hints at the damage this may have done to their self-respect. He might indeed have been more brutally frank about the psychological price they have paid for what is, despite all rationalization, a policy of

School for teachers

cannot die!

A Nest of Teachers. By Edward Blishen (Hamish Hamilton £6.95)

The nest was Isleden Emergency Training College and the teachers were dandruffy fledg-lings rather than birds in full plumage. It is 1949, and Edward Blishen is joining a miscellaneous flock of former war workers and servicemen who have decided that they want to teach school. There are the mathematicians Mr Broom and Mr Bing for instance, both divorced and both having, "in a rather pessionistic way", mistresses; and there is Mr Capper, "a big:snan, lumpy is " in a rather pessionistic in construction, who is devoted to symnastics and "would how after any lecture whatever: 'It's all bloody rubbish!'"

When the thirteen-month course is over, and the book ends, one feels that perhaps Mr Capper had the measure of it. For although these horny-handed students were offered a range of educational inspirations, from Plato to flameltions, from Plato to flamel-graphs, and although they were supervised by the diverse-figures of Mr. Trellis, who believed in opening windows to a pupil's soul, and Mr. lepp, who advised pinning him to the desk with a glare, once they actually got out among the children in the schools an unexpected reality greeted them As Mr Blishen sagely recognized: "a teacher can construct himself slowly out of his own characteristics" -25 well as emergency-train a dustman by teaching him to knit.

The scenes at Isleden and Geoffrey Smith sinally—herror !—as a trained-

up supernumerary at "Sayage Street" Sec. Mod., bring out the best in Edward Blishen. The bevy of earnest men, stupid men, eccentric men encourage. airt affectionate satire; the mad architecture and administration of schools feed his appearite for witty metaphor; but even at the most farcical moments you know that he knows that the question of how we teach our children is not funny at all.

Against such a subtle blend of sharpness and diffidence some family scenes in this "autobiography" have a slightly forced, intrusive jocularity. They seem to be therefor the record rather than for any direct bearing they have on the comic goings on in the nest of teachers, and they give rise to a faint unease about what kind of book Mr Blishen is writing.

For despite the factual 1949 background, the citing of notebooks and diary entries which explain the rather cal-low treatment of the life and friendships of the time, the book is a very professional vigorite. Clearly Mr Trellis and Mr Jepp are not "real" in the way that small, new-born Tom Blishen is and the fictive pattern jars against hard events. Why must the Cale-donian Road be re-named donian Road be re-named Hibernian? And why has that much-loved schoolmaster Gerald Murray (to whose obituary in The Times Mr Blishen contributed) suddenly been disguised as "John Logan"? It is as though the unthor, having formerly used his experience of life to write novels, now perforce uses his experience of writing novels to fashion a life.

ion a life. Brian Alderson

Children of anxiety Queen. Victoria's

Children By Daphne Bennett

(Gollancz, £7.50) The light that beats on Queen Victoria's throne has tended to show her nursery in a lurid glare. In particular, never must we forget, or so we are told, the woefully mistaken treatment

the woefully mistaken treatment of the boy who was to be Edward VII. Mrs Bennett thinks otherwise. He would scream, stamp his feet, war his books, scratch and bite his sisters, frequently kicking them and pulling their hair until the nursery was filled with wails. Stockmar, who was a physician, advised Prince Albert never to leave the boy alone with the leave the boy alone with the other children. All this was before the start of the educational system that has been so strongly criticized and-sug-gests Mrs Benuett, who has had access to new material from the royal archives—thoroughly misunderstood, and therefore not be attributed to it. Prince Albert, as here depicted, was a young and affectionate father quite sensible enough to modify

his theories as required.

The experiences of the other eight children are far less familiar in any form, except perhaps that of Vicky (the Empress Frederick), who alone inherited her father's intellec-rual qualities. Alice, who married the Prince of Hesse Darmstadt and died at the age of 35, was apparently the most



Queen Victoria aged 4 by S. P. Deny.

complex of the children; overshadowed by Vicky, she early developed a strong sense of inferiority. Next to Vicky, however, she was her father's favourite. Affie (Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh, then of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha) was "a most

of his affair with a girl at Malta
—and presently took rather too
gladly to Loudon society, falling violently in love with a woman 12 years older than himself. His love was not returned and Affie at home became quite violent; his mother complained of his being "so sharp and unkind in speaking to others when he disagrees, and he always knows Lenchen (Helena) had a pas-

sion for horses, which no one now would think odd. In the nursery ber answer to bullying was a punch on the nose. But she was an even-tempered and persevering girl, and Queen Victoria enjoyed teaching her more than the others. Her father, by the way, had no ob-jection to her grooming her horses and understood her love of machinery. She was 15 when he died and for some years she became her mother's closest companion, unlikely to be detached by an early marriage. In 1865, indeed, she made a love match with Prince Christian of Holstein, who was twice her age.
Louise, eventually Duchess of

Argyll, was actually permitted to develop her talent and take a painting course in London, though not to live in a studio of her own. At 20 she aston-ished her mother by ceasing to

satisfactory child, alert but con-tented, seldom bad-tempered was impatient of the dull lifeand on good terms with every-one". Affie had a passion for the sea and became a sailor— the Queen was horrified to learn too unwell to open Parliament, only unwilling." Her marriage-to a subject Queen Victoria was to call "the most popular act of my reign." Even in the nursery it was

plain that Arthur (the Duke of Connaught) was born to be a soldier, Placid, industrious and persevering, he was his mother's "best child". Leopold, her "child of anxiety", suffered from haemophilia, perfectly understood his case, and longed to-make the most of what life he could expect; he died at 31. While the Prince Consort lived things were not too bad for the child, who was made to feel part of the busy life around him. Then he became restless and unmanageable, insisting on joining in vigorous and, for him, dangerous games. He even got his way and went to Oxford. At 26 he married, and was the father of Princess Alice. Countess of Athlone.

That Beatrice, the youngest, ever escaped from her mother's side was another virtual miracle largely attributable to Vicky, who introduced Prince Henry of Battenberg when the Queen's attention was momentarily distracted. She, too, becomes a vivid human being in this crowded accomplished and crowded, accomplished memorable little book.

Jan Stephens

Lord Butler's

Lord Butler of Saffron Walden, not the most orthodox of politicians, has made an unorthodox and imaginative choice for the plum job of writing his authorized bingraphy. Ignoring a strong field of academic historians and political sympathizers he has chosen Authony thizers he has chosen Anthony Howard, editor of The Listener. As a working title Mr Howard has The Uncrowned Prime Minister, a phrase that his subject himself used in The Art of the Possible, the most elegant political memoir since the war. Mr Howard is about to start work by interviewing Lord Butler's contemporary friends and opponents. As a first-class political journalist he has the advantage of having known, liked, and written about Lord Butler for more than 20 years. There are no diaries, apart from appointment diaries, but Lord Butler belongs to the letterwriting generation. There is a large archive of press-cuttings and other documents spread between Trinity and other places.

Mr Howard said yesterday: "In my opinion there were three occasions when Lord Butler could have become Prime Minister: in 1955 instead John Dixon Hunt | of Eden, in 1957, and in 1964.

If he had been chosen in 1964 I think that the Tories would have won the election, because against him the Liberals would never have polled three million votes. There is a case for saying that it would have been a good thing for the country as well as the Tories if he had become Prime Minister." This important new political biography will be no rush job,

though Tony Howard hopes to take less unconscionably long than Philip Williams on Gaits-kell and David Marquand on Ramsay MacDonald. It will be published, God willing, in some-thing more than five years, by

Grinling Gibbons & The English Woodcarving Tradition, by Frederick Oughton (Stobart & Son, £14.50). Those interested in English woodcarving and its listory will have looked forward to this book as an important addition to a tiny literature. Although Gibbons receives the lion's share of attention, the present copiously illustrated volume is intended to be nothing less than " a comprehensive study of English woodcarving in general." It is hardly that, but rather a very selective survey which relies heavily on secondary sources. Although he could not be said to marshal his materials systematically, the author nevertheless has interesting information to offer on the changing contractual relations between carver and patron over the centuries.

"The Times" next week the new Le Carré will be reviewed by Michael Ratcliffe; Philip Whitehead on Conservative party politics; Stuart Evans reviews the week's fiction. In the "TLS' tomorrow a last poem by I. A. Richards, Hazlitt's letters, and Chinua Achebe writes "Viewpoint" on Africans and Europeans.

Perplexity and pain

John Ruskin and Rose La Touche

Introduced and edited by Van - : (Oxford, £6.95)

> La Touche, in London in 1858, Galatea for Ruskin's Pygmalion. roung people (mostly girls) growing fondness for Rose, she his greatest pleasure and relaxa- strong instinct for pedagogy and tion at this stage of his life- offered all the charms and with the great works of The graces of a young woman with-Stones of Venice and Modern out the social and personal obli-Painters behind him after 1860, gations which had so harassed fresh enterprises in social and him during his marriage to economic criticism only begin- Effie Gray, annulled in 1854. ning in face of his father's dis-But Rose gradually came to Ruskin's professions of lost approval not to mention a hose assume a special place in Rustiation and artistic mother tile press, and relations with his kin's life; by the early 1860s almost certainly jealous of ning in face of his father's dis- But Rose gradually came to

and constricting than ever.

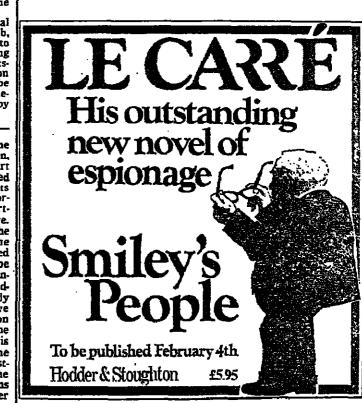
These were the days when he Her unpublished diaries of 1861 took refuge at Winnington wife. Margaret Bell, and her pupils he wrote on such a range of topics (letters admirably edited by Professor Burd in 1969). Ruskin met the Irish girl, Rose Rose La Touche was another when she was 10 and he was Like the girls at Winnington, 49. She was one of many to whom he wrote about his whom Ruskin found provided an outlet for his.

aging parents more difficult he had convinced himself he was in love with her and in 1868—despite the difference in their ages-wanted her for his

> Rose asked him to wait for three years for her answer. Then began the agonizing secsaw of affection and disaffec-tion on both sides; despair. obsession and vehemence of passion on his; on hers, adolescent uncertainties, spiritual crises and finally insane delusions ending in death in 1875. Professor Burd charts these painful cross currents in a long introduction. He has assembled, as Ruskinians now expect of him, vast quantities of unknown information, largely about the La Touches, some of which provides new perspectives upon the extraordinary pressures that
> Rose was subject to an
> example ical father opposed to

Ruskin's love for her daughter. The La Touches' invocation of Effie Miliais to frustrate Rose's wish to marry Ruskin is, course, well known; but it is here given a context.

Rose's two bits of diary are, comparison, rather slight both in quantity (40pp) and in the light they shed upon Rose's strange character. At best, I think, they illustrate what we already knew—the conscient tiouspass and ultimately selfdestroying scrupulousness, of her faith in her own election. But above and beyond the facts of Rose herself is the more astonishing mythology of her which, especially after her death, Ruskin worked to con-struct; it is the imaginative life that Rose was given in his writings—"the Lady of per-plexity and pain", as Charles Eliot Norton defined her—that makes her important to us now.



Moscow money can be saved for 1984 despite British concern Hutchins

By John Hennessy
Adverse publicity for the
Moscow Olympic Games since the
Russian invasion of Afghanistan
has led to such a drop in contributions towards the British appeal fund that officials of the British Olympic Association (BOA) admit to being "concerned". They are still £400,000 short of the £1m are still £400,000 short of the £1m they had hoped to raise this year. George Nicholson, the appeal secretary, said yesterday that British companies had guaranteed to provide £350,000 in Olympic spousorship deals and donations, principally connected with the marketing activities of Watneys, BL, Colgate, Palmolive, Smiths Crisps and Revion.

Money had come in from other sources, he said, but "people are now saying perhaps the Games are not going to take place in Moscow, not going to take place in Moscow, so what is the point of raising money. But even if—and in my opinion it is a very big if—we don't send a team to Moscow, then all the money that is raised will go to supporting the 26 governing bodies of British Olympic sports to train for the 1984 Games in Los Angeles and Saraievo". Sarajevo".

Much the heaviest item of expenditure for the BOA is the transport of teams and officials. Sir Denis Follows, BOA chairman, said that about £700,000 would be needed for Lake Placid and Moscow, of which about two-thirds is earmarked for Moscow. He explained that some fund-raising events had been cancelled in the wake of the Prime Minister's call for either a boycott of

Moscow or a change of host cities.

Ball, which "some people said might have put £100,000 into the Olympic bank, I think that is putting it too high but it would certainly have been a substantial

One of the biggest sponsors of British sports teams, the George Wimpey building firm, said they would back the Moscow Games whatever happened. They were putting £250,000 behind the training of many athletes and a spokesman for the company said that "there is no chance whatever of our pulling out of the Moscow. our pulling out of the Moscow Olympics ". Only two contracts to supply

sports equipment for Moscow were awarded to British firms, but one of them, won by Lillywhite Can-tabrian, is among the biggest contracts in the Games. Most of the field equipment included in this £130,000 deal has arrived in the Soviet Union.
The other contract, for £10,000 of football, hockey, waterpolo, handball and track equipment, went to the Dorset firm of Bridport Gundry, John Lawrence, their sales and marketing manager, said: "We put a lot of effort into winning it we were alad sald: "We put a lot or errort into winning it, we were glad when we got it, and we still are". No Denish team: Denmark will not send a team to the Winter Olympics in Lake Placid next month. A spokesman for the Danish Olympic Committee said: "It is not a boycott, though. We simply could not find participants of a sufficiently high standard to qualify. Denmark had con-sidered sending only skiers to the Games, the one discipline in which the committee had thought the

country had a serious chance of

Olympic flame leaves olive groves for Lake Placid

Olympia, Greece. Jan 30.—The olympic flame, the symbol of peace and fratermity, was lit today in the olive groves of Ancient Olympia to be taken to the United States for the 1980 Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid from February 13 to 24.

The flame was kindled by the sun's rays at the sacred altar of the ancient Greek goddess; Hera, in a ceremony carried out by a Greek actress, Maria Moscholiou, in the role of high priestess.

Wexler, assistant to the president, and a 11-member team of the Lake Placid Olympic Organizing Committee, headed by its president, the Reverend J. Benneot Fell, arrived here to be present in the cremony.

The delegations laid a wreath at the statue and after brief speeches, the Olympic flame was passed to the first torch bearer who started a relay of other runners to the village of Platanos. In the role of high priestess.

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The high priestess high prieste weather was cold but sunny when the high priestess lit a branch of an olive tree using the sun's rays and a magnifying mirror. She brought the flame into the ancient

Olympic stadium and then to the statue of Pierre Coubertin, the

statue of Pierre Coubertin, the French founder of the modern

A 15-member presidential dele-gation headed by Mrs Anne

village of Platanos.

There, a miner's lamp was lit to transport the fiame by car to the airstrip of Andravidas from where it will be taken by air to Athens airport. From the airport a relay of runners will carry the flame to the ail-marble Athens Olympic Stadium where the first modern Olympic Games were held in 1896.

After a correction at the

After a ceremony at the stadium, the flame will be handed over to the Lake Placid Organizing Committee to be taken to the United States later this evening.

—Reuter.

For the record

COPENHAGEN: Six-day race: 1. D. Clark (Australia) and R. G. Srendeen (Denmark): 556 pts; 2. P. Sergu (Belgium) and A. Fritz, WG, Srendeen (Belgium) and A. Fritz, WG, Srendeen (WG, Srendeen (Belgium) and R. Hermann (Lichtonstein) 613 pts; 4. R. Pilipun (Notherlands) 613 pts; 4. R. Pilipun (Notherlands) 613 pts; 4. R. Pilipun (Notherlands) 162 pts; 4. R. Pilipun (Notherlands) 613 pts; 4. R. Pilipun (Notherlands) 613 pts; 4. R. Pilipun (Notherlands) 613 pts; 4. R. Pilipun and G. Schumacher (WG), 270 pts; seven laps behind, 6. D. Allam (Australia) and P. Baussiger (Denmark), 157 pts.

Skiing Downhill: 1. H. Lark, 1 min 38 Desc; Stevens (SA beat B. Jordan 6—1. ism. The money would be lodged test 2. R. Schmalzt, 1:39.75. Women: 1. J. 6—7; S. Barker (GB) beat P. Sartver. in advance of such a tournament." tion.

Tennis

Experiment is still byword for

Paul Hutchins, Britain's team manager, has pitched Robin Drysdale and Andrew Jarrett into tonight's crucial King's Cup match with France at Gloucester. This two-leg play-off, between the two
teams who have finished bottom
of their respective groups, decides
who drops down to division two
for next year's competition, Britain were in an identical situation in 1978, when they had to beat Yugoslavia to stay up. They did, but with a potentially better team than the present one which has won only one of its six group matches in the past month. Mr Hurchies, who set out to play a largely experimental side, play a largely experimental side, was tempted to include the vastly experienced Mark Cox. However, Mr Hutchins explained: "My original plan was to give an opportunity to new players to gain international experience with a view to Davis Cup selection. Despite our precarious position, both Mark and I feel that it is best to continue with these players.

best to continue with these players and not to revert to short-term tactics." and not to revert to short-term tactics."

Even so, Hutchins will be bitterly disappointed if his team go down. His one consolation lies in the fact that France, who are fielding their strongest possible team, are even worse off than Britain, having failed to win a single group match. But, on paper at least, they have the sounder team and both singles players, Pascal Portes and Dominique Bedel, feature much higher than either Jarrett or Drysdale in the world rankings.

However, it will need both players to be in top form if they are to take a good lead to France for the return leg on Sunday, and the pressure will really be on the 22-year-old Jarrett, who opens the tie against Bedel, to get his side off to a good start. Drysdale, the 27-year-old Essex international, plays the top singles against the 20-year-old Portes. Both captains have still to nominate their doubles pair.

Missed couples: Bjorn Borg, and his Pomenian Gagrée Meridine

doubles pair.

Mixed couples: Bjorn Borg, and his Romanian fiancée, Mariana Simionescu, will play a mixed doubles tennis match in London in May, Borg's trainer, Lennart Bergelin, said in Stockholm yesterday.

Bergelin said that the two, who are getting married in Bucharest on July 24, will play an exhibition match against the British and American couple, John and Chris Lloyd.

Golf

Portuguese Open loses its place on the calendar

The Portuguese Open golf championship will definitely not be held this year, it was confirmed yesterday by the European Tournament Players' Division of the Professional Golfers' Association.

tion.
This follows the financial prob-This follows the financial problems last year, when the tournament was played in April, but
payment of prize money was not
completed until November.
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Ken Schofield, the ETPD secretary, said that Portugal are considering the possibility of staging at tournament in October, but adds: "This depends on their receiving strong sponsorship guarantees from the Maistry of Tournament in Maistry of Tournament in advance of such a tournament."

But slowly Tottenham weathered the problems more sensibly with Ardiles and Hoddle beginning to think things out. A cleverly weighted low centre by Hoddle crossed the Swindon goal, as if given right of way and neither friend nor foe could intercept. Armstrong drove a powerful shot over the top from another fine move instigated by Hoddle, and Hughton sent a fierce drive to test Allan who passed with distinction.

Another of those contradictory situations that are a regular feature of South African sport

A problem of municipal availability

The biggest problem for football lifticials in South Africa, as they by to administer the sport most oppular among blacks, concerns the league game due to be played there. Dion is more accessible from the league game due to be played there. officials in South Africa, as they try to administer the sport most popular among blacks, concerns the unavailability of municipally owned stadiums in white residenrial areas. The latest example was cited to the Sports Council mission when they met the completely integrated Football Council of South Africa. It concerns the re-fusal of Pretoria city council to allow one of their stadiums to be sed for an important cup-tle on

Most sporting facilities in the republic belong to local authorities, whose thinking on black and mixed sport has not always kept pace with recent changes. It is an aspect of the South African scene that the Jeeps delegation will have already noticed for them-selves. Arcadia, rungers-up in the Nat-

Arcadia, rumbers up in the National Professional Soccer League, were due to use their home ground, the Caledonian Stadium, Pretoria, to play Kaizer Chiefs, the league champions from Soweto; both clubs have some white players in their ranks. The ground's capacity is 12,000 and three times that number would attend if there was room. An offer to make it an all-cicket match was rejected. The Northern Transvall Rugby Union have also declined to allow the nearby 60,000 capacity Loftus Versfeld Stadium (South Africa's equivalent of Twickenham) to be used for the football game without giving a reason. reason.

The cup-tie will now be staged at the 12,000-seater stadium in

Soweto than Pretoria and as the Arcadia general manager Trevor Dreyer says: "We have lost not only home ground advantage: we have lost home town advantage

Football officials believe the

council's original decision was taken because the majority of those pouring into Pretoria for the game would have been blacks and would not have been wanted at a weekend in Pretoria, the seat of weekend in Pretoria, the sear of government. A similar reason, they feel, lay behind the refusal to allow Loftus Versield to be used and they claim that similar iu-stances have occurred in the past all over the country. "It is the sort of allegation that you cannot prove but it happens all over the place too often to be coincidence," one official said. "We have met it at the 40,000-capacity Rand Stadium in

Johannesburg; we have met it everywhere. It is maddening and makes it impossible to keep to a proper fixture list: All our stadia are too small for the support foot-ball now gets. The municipal people are not building enough new football grounds for us because football is primarily the blacks' game." There is, apparently, little violence on the olaries game. Incre 15, apparently, little violence on the field in South African football but crowd trouble sometimes arises from the anger of spectators who cannot gain admission.

city council denied that race had anything to do with their decision. The stadium concerned was in the heart of a residential area and the near of a residential area and the police had not been in favour of the tie being played there. "Even if each club were given 6,000 tickets each, you would still have many more thousands coming without a ticket "—once again contradictory viewpoints never far away as one investigates South African as one investigates South African sport.
About half a million footballers

are now playing under the auspices of the FCSA, which was formed in 1977 from the four bodies who need to control the sport sepa-rately for wintes, blacks, coloureds and Indians. The three non-wiste organizations still exist, those for coloureds and Indians in only a minor form. They help run football in remote areas where communities from those two population sectors live alone anyway. The White Football Association of South Football Association of South Africa, who were affiliated to FIFA before their expulsion in 1976, made history by merging soon afterwards with the black South African National Football Association, the first whites in any sport to join what was then a black organization.

It is SANFA who today effectively run the game, and the NPSL, with its premier and second divisions, is its professional wing. It is estimated that four fifths of FCSA's players are blacks, together with 75,000 whites, 20,000 coloured and 5,000 Indians. For the sake of completeness, though at the risk of bewildering the r with 75,000 whites, 20,000 career, was not playing the full 90 minutes. About ten American talent scouts visited South Africa fixed of bewildering the there is also in existence a Africans went to Portuguese foot-A spokesman for the Pretoria

South African Socrer Federation.
Its members comprise about three per cent of the country's footballers, mostly coloureds and Indians, and the federation is affiliated to Hassan Howa's South African Council of Sport. Standards of play have undoubtedly been held back since contact was barred with FIFA members, according to George Thabe, the long-serving president of SANFA. long-serving president of SANFA, who is now also president of FCSA. "We miss the coaches and referees who used to help us so much," he said "We are still trying to blend the natural artistry of our blacks with the deeper tactical thinking, that our whites often bring. I think it is coming: We have more than held our own in internationals with Rhodesia and osendo internationals against

in internationals with Rhodesia and pseudo internationals against visiting all-stars, teams. We are nowhere near as good, of course, but some of the fluency of South American sides can be spotted in our game." If a national South African team had to be chosen today, the proportion of players involved would be about seven blacks and four whites, with the blacks almost certainly providing all the forwards.

Mr Thabe thought there were about 15 South Africans now playing in the North American league, the best known is Jomo Sono, who used to substitute for Pele with Cosmos, at the time when the Brazilian, at the end of his career, was not playing the full

ball. "I'm sorry to see them go, but it provides an incentive for our players and the American contingent return for the finish of our season which runs from February to December." American football has also claimed several of those English players who used to end their careers out here.

Most South African professionals Most South African professionals are part timers and earn monthly wages of between 200 and 500 rand (about £110-275) for blacks; it is considered good money, equating with managerial salaries here in business outside professions like law or medical. sions like law or medicine. Many black players first learned the game at school on gravel pitches and many on the grounds in the

townships have the same surface, although turf pitches are the norm at all senior league grounds. Mr Thabe, a public relations officer with a tobacco firm, has spent his life fighting for improved conditions in footbal for blacks. He lives at Sharpeville and is a realistic mar. "We have come a long way but we must not overreach ourselves," he said. He turned down an offer FIFA made in Buenos Aires in 1978 to send a study group to South Africa her in Buenos Aires in 1978 to send a study group to South Africa but thinks he will ask them to come later this year or next. "We have fulfilled all the conditions FIFA laid down and I think we will apply for readmission in 1982 at the congress in Spain during the World Cup. It would be nice to think that people will acknowledge what we have done."

Richard Streeton

Armstrong's two goals put Tottenham through

By Norman Fo≭ Swindon 1 The concern that Swindon had caused other lofty teams was suggested in the attitude they took early in their efforts. They challenged Tottenham to join them in a race for control and some secretary involved to Spurs were somewhat unwise to accept. Even with the skills of Ardiles, Villa and Hoddle, Tottenham were caught up in the rush and their defence became decidedly uncomfortable.

decidedly uncomfortable.

Swindon issued plenty of long passes for their two renowned goalscorers, Rowland and Mayes, who were a problem for Miller and Perryman. The absence of Yorath from the Tottenham midfield had something to do with this loss of stability. For some time the guiding hand of experience was missed.

It took Tottenham the best part of half an hour to make serious approaches to the Swindon goal and in the meantime Perrymaa had virtually kicked himself senseless egainst a post in trying to clear a ball curiously knocked high over the head of Daines by Hughston. Miller was also called upon to head away for a corner upon to head away for a corner when another fine breakaway by Williams caught the defence un-

In the heat of a match full of vitality but not overflowing with ideas, there could have been two penalties in the first half. First penames in the inst hair. First Ardites seemed to be brought down, but he is such a nimble lightweight it is often difficult to tell, and in any case the referee said the incident was outside the area. A seemingly more clear-cut case occurred at the other end when Kamara was bundled down by Miller. This time Mr Thomas waved play on, and he was closer than most of us.

Swindon were far from dispersioned and shortly before half

heartened and shortly before half time another of their lively pene-trating attacks saw Mayes take on two defenders and succeed with delightful control. His shot scorthed across the goalmouth. Highton attempted to clear, but the hall throughed the for seet and the ball thumped the far post and

the ball thumped the far post and bounced away.

If Kamara seemed unlucky to be denied a penalty in the first half, Tucker was surely fortunate to be given one after 54 minutes in what appeared to be a light collision with Armstrong. Again Mr Thomas could not be faulted for his positioning but his decision to award a menalty was still is not a ward a menalty was still in the control of the con sion to award a penalty was still a surprise. McHale converted it. Armstrong equalised in the 84th Artistrong equation in the orth minute.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: B. Daines:
C. Hughton, P. Miller, J. Pratt, D. McAllister, S. Perrynah, O. Ardiles, C. Jones, G. Arnstrong, G. Hoddies, R. Villa.
R. SWINGON TOWN: J. Allani R. Lewis, K. SWINGON TOWN: J. Allani R. Lewis, R. Carter, I. Miller, K. Kamara, A. Rowland, A. Mayos, B. Williame, A. Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl) 4

Sisman leaves Luton Luton have released the former England schoolhoy and youth international defender, Gary Sisman, to Hitchin. Sisman, aged 19, is returning to school in order

to study for a university place.

McNeil scores twice and then limps off

Dixie McNeil came back after a one-match suspension on Tuesday night to pur Wrexham into a money-spinning FA Cup fifth round the against Everton. He scored two goals, as Wrexham beat Carlisle, 3—1, McNeil was sent off in a league match against Charfmon and missed last Saturday's fourth round tie at Carlisle, but he emphasized his importance to the club by scoring in successive cup rounds for the tenth time.

McNeil struck first in the seventeenth minute and, after Phil

McNeil struck first in the seven-teenth minute and, after Phil Bonnyman had equalized, he scored again in the thirty-first minute. Twice in the opening stages of the second half McNeil went close to completing his hat-trick before hobbing off with a leg injury. Jones finished off the scoring in the seventy-second min-ute.

Bremner words cost him £200

Billy Bremner, the Doncaster Rovers manager, has been fined \$200 and warned about his future conduct by the Football Associa-tion for insulting the referee, after his fourth division side lost their Boxing Day match at Walsall. Mr Bremner, who career as a player with Leeds United, and Scotland was frequently marked by contro-versy, did not appear before the FA commission.

FA commission.

Two players were also dealt with for making "insulting and abusive" remarks to referees. Gary Shelton, Aston Villa, earned a one-match ban for comments made after the Central League match at Coventry on December 18, and Pedro Richards, of Notts County, received a f75 fine and a one-match suspension

Real Madrid board agree to Cunningham's release

Real Madrid have agreed to release Laurie Cunningham for next Wednesday's match at Wembley against the Republic of \$85.00 and £10.50 are still available \$15.50 and £10.50 are still available next Wednesday's match at Wembley against the Republic of Ireland in the European Championship. The Spanish club forced the winger to withdraw from the last two England parties, but after a special board meeting agreed to make him available this time.

make him available this time.

Cunningham earned three caps while he was with West Bromwich Albion and, when he moved to Spain for £900,000 in June, thought his contract contained an "escape clause" similar to the one which guarantees Kevin Keegan's release from Hamburg for England's matches.

Real Madrid thought otherwise and their rejuctance to risk Cunningham being injured playing for England raised doubts about his international future.

He joins Keegan and another He joins Keegan and another player with a European club Cologne's Tony Woodcock, in the England party, and, with England

angiand party, and, with England already sure of a place in the quarter-final round of the championship, he could earn a fourth cap if the manager, Ron Greenwood, experiments.

Tickets for the match are selling well and officials at Wembley

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(Chariton Athlelic).

A spokesman at Wembley said "We are delighted with the wa

advance ticket sales have gone especially recalling the last international against the Republic of Ireland in 1976, when there wa

Ireland in 1976, when there wa little advance demand for ticker but we found ourselves swampe at the turnstiles on the night of

Terry Gibson, a Tottenham Hot

spur forward, is in the Englan-youth party to attend Lilleshal for coaching from F-bruary 11 t

the match."

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Bowls

Bryant's unbeaten run comes to an end-at 20th

Melbourne, Jan 30.—The unbeaten run of David Bryant came to an abrupt end today when he lost 21—19 to Arthur McKernau. of Jersey, in the twelfth round of the world bowls singles championships. In spite of the setback, Bryant, of England still leads the ships. In spite of the setback, Bryant, of England still leads the championship after 13 rounds but Russell Evans, of Wales, is now Russell Evans, of Wales, is now only two points behind.

The two meet tomorrow morning and another defeat for Bryam would allow Evans, Philip Chok, of Hongkong and John Snell, of Australia, back into contenion. McKernan's surprising win was his second over Bryamt, four times the Commonwealth Games champion, in two meetings. Singles

Singles

ELEVENTH ROUND: Wales 21, 1stacl 16: NZ 21, Zambla 14: Honglang 21, 1stacl 16: NZ 21, Zambla 14: Honglang 21, 1stacl 16: NZ 21, Fill 9: Guerasey 21 US 13: Scotland 21, Pill 9: Guerasey 21, Erland 14: England 21. Kenya 5: Austrolla 21. Malawi 16: Swartland 21. Canada 19. TWELFTH ROUND: NZ 21, US 7: Jersey 31. England 19: Papta 21. Kenya 16: Wales 21, Swartland 21. Scotland 21, Canada 10: Ireland 21.

By Keith Macklin

As well as being built like the north face of the Eiger, former gridiron footballer Mike Mayer

is a man whose enthusiasm alons

is a man whose enthustasm alone should be enough to float Rugby League in the United States. He bristles with energy, believes totally in the cause, and shows signs of impairence with those who, in his own Yank vernacular, "sit on their butts" instead of joining the pilgrimage to the American colonies.

New Guinea, pungently stressing his firm belief that America is ripe for the big take-off.

for the big take-off.

Whether he addresses you in the suit that he wears for formal occasions, or the University of Wisconsin gridiron T-shirt that he prefers for casual use, his enthusiasm is instantly infections. He puts aside reminders that illifated ventures in South Wales, Italy and South Africa demonstrate the fact that enthusiasm alone is not enough.

"Americans want Rugby

aone is not enough.

"Americans want Rugby League," he tells you. "They saw it on coast-to-coast TV, the cup final at Wembley. A body contact sport, fast, exciting, played by, in my opinion, the fittest athletes in the world. They loved it."

Mr Mayer, the full-time president of the United States Rugby League, whizzes like a human tornado round the 13-a-side world, Great Britain, Australia, France, New Zealand and the outpost of New College unguestly stressing.



Mr Mayer, of Chicago, sets out to sell a new body contact sport to the Americans

Rugby League's human tornado

stael 15; Wales 24, Swaziland 11.
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10, Jersey, 41; 11, Fill, 38; 12, Zambia, 34; 13, Israel, 32; 14, Pappa, 54; 14, Fall, 74; 15, Fall, 74; 16, Swartland, Malad, 14; 20, Japan, 4, Reuter, W Samoa, 14; 20, Japan, 4, Reuter,

Mr Mayer, born in Chicago, has done his homework and has dregged deep. To support his case he has produced colour booklets and brochures of facts and figures that make lively reading. He lists clities, populations, stadia, and attendance capacities. But that is not all. He lists statistics of disposable personal income each year in each city, total retail sales, and the average annual household income.

For instance, Detroit has a population of 4,359,000, has a Tiger Stadium with a capity for 54,226, mostly seated, has an annual disposable income of \$32,806,560 and average annual household income of \$22,251, which is around £10,000.

At the other end of the scale he lists Wheeling, in West Virginia, which has a population of 346,400, a Wheeling Island Stadium holding 11,300 and an annual average household income of just under £7,000. What Mr Mayer is saying, with the aid of statistics, is that the money is there, as well as the enthusiasm.

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He also promises that sponsors will be available for clubs which take out franchises in a host of towns listed for Rugby League development. These include Toledo, Indianapolis, Akron, Youngston, Cincinnati. Memphis, Nashville, Atlanta, Philadephia, Buffalo, Jacksonville, and, over the border into Canada, Toronto and Montreal. He should know something about the art of drum-

Rugby Union

Yesterday's result UNIVERSITY MATCH: Cambridge 22, Royal Navy 13.

ming up blg-money sponsors. He himself is "advised" by Charlie Gillette, former owner of Harlem Globetrotters basketball team. He anxiously awaits a Rugby League Council meeting next month which will decide on his plan for an international pourme.

month which will decide on his plan for an international tournament in the United States during June and July.

He has drawn up a proposed schedule for the first competitive scason of Rugby League in the States, which he would like to envisage as 1981-82. He would divide the clubs into two sections, or divisions, and at the end of the scason have a top-four play-off featuring the top two teams in each division.

In the meantime his salary, as

In the meantime his salary, as president, is paid by the 24 share-holders in the United States Rugby

League, one of whom is the Great Britain Rugby League.

Britain Rugby League.

He has had a promotional film made for screening throughout the United States, with an American commentator declaiming the virtues of a "complex, physically demanding sport of great skill and speed". He, and other proponents of the game, point out the continuity of action in Rugby League, as opposed to gridiron, with its long drawn out three hours, punctuated by long stoppages and breaks.

Whether Mr Mayer will achieve

Whether Mr Mayer will achieve his American dream of a 1980 summer tournament and a 1981 blast-off of a league tournament depends on the support, in terms

Scott passed fit to play against France

John Scott, the England No 8, yesterday passed a fitness test and faces France in Paris on Saturday. faces france in raris on Saturday.

Scott, who scored a try in the
victory over Ireland, missed Monday's training at Coventry after
damaging an ankie playing for his
club, Cardiff, against Aberavon
last Saturday. But, after intensive
treatment, he was able to join
the Program arry for the flight the England party for the flight to France.

to France.

David Caplan, a former England full back, makes his first appearance for Northampton in the second team away to Streatham and Croydon on Saturday. Caplan, who has been out of action this season with a broken leg, joined Northampton from Headingley, having moved south to start a dental practice.

Rugby League

Casey's coming is the signal for Lowe to go

By Keith Macklin

Win a player, lose a player. Hull Kingston Rovers, having over the weekend chinched a record signing by purchasing Len Casey at £38,000 from Bradford Northern, are likely to lose the services of anguably their best and best-known forward, Phil Lowe, a Great Britzin international.

Lowe has asked for a transfer within days of the signing of Casey and goes on the list at £30,000. The Hull KR chairman, Bill Land, says: "We don't want to lose Phil, but he wants to go."

Lowe, a tall, hard-running second row forward, may feel that his place at Craven Park is threatened by the arrival of Casey, who plays anywhere in the back row of the pack. Alternatively, he has had an injury-riddled season, has struggled to find his best form, and may feel that he can rediscover his appetite for the game elsewhere. If his fitness cau be confirmed, there should be no shortage of bidders.

Hockey

Long and lack of width spoil Spencer's day

By Sydney Friskin

Cambridge Univ 0

Never mind the quality, feel the width should have been Spencer's slogan at Fenner's yesterday. If they had played hockey more squarely instead of persisting with the soft touch and close passing, this London League match might but shots, usually delayed, were that the soft touch and close passing. have been more profitable for them. The point earned kept them in fourth place. in fourth place.

The first sign of the caprices of a bumpy pitch was given in the first few minutes when hand stopping at short corners proved unavalling. Cambridge had suffered the same experience but took more serious notice of it.

The story of the first half was of Cambridge standing up gallantly to sustained pressure by Spencer who squandered one short corner after another, all untidily stick stopped. Not until a few seconds before half time was Panesar, their short corner expert, permitted a shot. It was saved by Panesar, their short corner expert, permitted a shot. It was saved by Long, who had a spiendid game in goal.

Cambridge's policy, to run as fast as they could through the open spaces, made them look more effective and Merttens was, on several occasions, a serious threat to Spencer's security. Stout-

Richard Dodds at the back.

The second haif was almost the same story, with Cambridge holding out against growing pressure Several centres from the right by Dosaj gave Spencer new hope but shots, usually delayed, were either saved by the goalkeeper combrered by an intervening stick with so much pressure on the Cambridge goal a penaity strok had to come in the closing minutes. It was taken by Rehner, who, somewhat overcome by the opportunity, pushed straight into Long's pads. In the end Cambridge, inspired by Diamont in parity scored.

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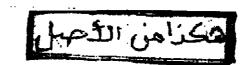
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Chaemori Mike Mayer: nobody sleeps given by Great Britain, Australia, France and New Zealand. But Mr Mayer believes in the United States Rugby League. He is a big man, a persuasive man, and nobody sleeps when he's around.

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Australia bow low to lethal bowling India make

Cricket Correspondent Adelaide, Jan 30

Not since 1929, when England beat them in Brishane by 675 runs, bave Australia suffered a heavier deteat in terms of runs than they deteat in terms of runs than they did in their third Test match against West Indias here today. The winning West Indian margin was 408 runs, Australia's second innings ending at 165 after 40 minutes' play this murding.

Four years ago, in the same room in which he reflected today upon leading West Indies to their upon leading West Indies to their first victory in a stries in Australia. I listened to Clive Lluvd saving that there was nothing he could do about the collapse of his West Indian side. That was after West Indies had been beaten as conclusively as Australia were now, and for the same main reason—the lethal effect of formidable fast bowling. fast bowling.

Although the West Indian side 1975-76 contained Holding and of 1975-76 contained Holding and Roberts, they were less of a power in those days than Thomson and Lillee, with Walker in support. Not only are Holding and Roberts fitter than they were then; they also have Croft and Garner to back them up. Against these four, bowling as they have in their last two Test matches against Australia (one of them on a bad Meibourne pitch). I doubt whether there has ever heen a batting side that would pitch), I doubt whether there has ever heen a batting side that would not have struggled for runs.

While Lloyd admits that there may have been more talented West Indian sides, what separates the present one from the others, he thinks, is their "professionalism". No more, he says, are they simply a team of "flamboyant cricketers". As he was talking, the names of the West Indian side to Australia in 1961 were flashed across the television screen. "Look at them", he said. "You have great fast bowling and great spin and great players.

By Class we are now".

what West Indies also are is the first side in the history of the game, though not I am alraid the last, to rely exclusively on fast bowling. On rare occasions, such as at Melbourne in 1932-33, when I again the consists a such as a track consists. bowling. On fare occasions, such as at Melbourne in 1932-33, when England chose an attack consisting of Larwood, Allen. Voce, Bowes and Hammond, sides have attempted to do without spin—but never before, as with West Indies now, through a whole scries.

If West Indies follow the same policy in England this year, then pity the England batsmen, and pity the spectators, too. The tempo at which a game can move when one fast bowler fcllows another, for hour after hour, is strictly

cricket selectors meet here to-

week in the World Series Cup, the

touring side must win to salvage

and Larkins, the all-rounder

the match could decide their inter-

some pride from their visit. For the batsmen Willey, Gower



Greg Chappell and Lloyd: victory sealed with a handsbake, defeat conceded with a smile.

limited and inevitably monotonous. In this three-match series between Australia and West Indies, the wickets for West Indies have been taken by Croft (16), Holding and Garner (14 apnece) and Roberts (11). Not a single wicket has fallen to spin. Australia's batsmen have been pummelled into submission, which has happened often enough before when there has been such a disparity between two sets of fast bowlers.

Australia will be looking forward to the last of their six Test matches, against England starting in Melbourne on Friday, if only for the comparative respite it will bring them. This will be a very different sort of cricket match, played on a much slower pitch and between two sides without the resources to blast the other to pieces. England are likely to make changes from the side that lost the

fast bowlers and pick seven specialist batsmen, including Botham. Botham's batting has been a disappointment. He is in danger of losing the mantle of one of England's finest modern all-

English pride to salvage and places in the sun to save

Test match by a huge margin. When asked for his view on the state of Australian Cricket, Lloyd Said that although their selectors

state of Australian Cricket, Lloyd said that although their selectors had been damagingly inconsistent, what needs attending to more than anything else are manners on the field of play. Lloyd did not suggest that his own side are blameless in this respect ("I am afraid we get fired up about umpiring decisions") but he did say that he felt things in Australia were being allowed to go much too far.

All being well, Messers Ridings, Loxton, Lindwall and Davidson, who, with Greg Chappell, are the Australian selectors, will read what Lloyd has had to say. They and the Australian Cricket Board have seemed Indifferent lately to the declining standards of cricketing behaviour. "What worries me particularly", Lloyd said. "Is that youn gpeople will get the wrong ideas about how the game should be played." Coming from Lloyd, this may irritate Australians less than if Brearley had said it.

As to his own future, Lloyd confirmed (not surprisingly when he has started to play and move so well again) that he is available to lead West Indies in England this year. "That is a tour that means a great deal to all of us", he said. In the meantime, West Indies have three Test matches in

themselves out in the cold if they do not do well. England's only batting successes at the moment are the openers Gooch and Boycott, who have had little belp from their teammates.

Gooch was dropped for the first Test and that spurred him to become one of England's most consistent batsmen in recent weeks. Larkins, after scoring 90 in England's last match, seems set to make his first Test appearance in place of Randall.

Even the vice-captain Willis, who

New Zealand, the first of them starting on February 8, and the possibility of four more against India in West Indies, the first of them in Barbados towards the end of March. Lloyd is considering coming to settle in Australia. He has been here many times now, and with good reason he felt this morning that it has much to recommend it. Of all the visits he has made this one, he said, has been the "most satisfying by a long way". He has had a fine team, and his team, I am sure, are happy with their captain. WEST MDIES: 3:3R (C. H. Lloyd 1:21 f. Y. A. Richards 76; D. K. Liller 6 for 76; A. Richards 76; D. K. Liller 100, C. G. Greenidge 76; AUSTRALIA: First Innings 203 ; A. R. Bornier 51, R. M. Laird 52; C. Crun 4 for 57; Second Intelled

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Melbourne, Jan 30.—England's to ensure their Test places for the cricket selectors meet here tomorrow to pick the team for this year.

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Even the vice-captain Willis, who has done much for English cricket over the last five years, could end his Test career in Melbourne. He has found it increasingly difficult Lawson on tour Sydney, Jan 30.—Geoff Lawson, New South Wales fast bowler,

a New South Wales last bowler, took a step closer to Test selection when he was included in the Australian team to tour Pakistan next mouth.

PARTY: A. Border, R. Brieht, G. Chappell, G. Dymock, D. Hookes, K. Hudhes, B. Laird, G. Lawson, D. Liller, March, J. Wiener, and G. Yallop,—Reuter,

Pakistan's errors

Calcutta, Jan 30.—India, who have already won the series, were in a strong position at the end of the second day of the sixth and final Test against Pakistan. At close of play today they had taken their first immings total to 331 all out. Pakistan were 57 for one with Taslim Arif and Majid Khan unbesten on 28 and 21.

Kapil Dev, playing in his 25th Test, made the breakthrough when he had Sadiq Mohammed leg before wicket to a superb inswinger for five. The Indian all-rounder now needs only one more wicket to complete a Test double of 100 wickets and 1000 mags. wickets and 1,000 runs.
Pakistan, who had made numerous fielding errors on the

Pakistan, who had made numerous fielding errors on the first day, made three more today when India resumed at 205 for five. Yashpal Sharma, Syed Kirmani and Dilip Doshi were all put down, and two of those mistakes were to prove costly. Sharma, who had started the day on 25, eventually finished joint top scorer with 62, having escaped a dropped catch by Majid Khan Doshi, though he only made three runs, played a vital part, too, after he was dropped without scoring a run. He defied the Pakistani bowling for almost an hour while Shivial Yadav added 24 useful runs. Imran Khan was the most successful of the three Pakistan fast bowlers, taking four wickets for only 67 runs.

India, too, were in generous mood on the field and Tashim Arif, playing his malden Test innings, should have been on his way back to the dresving room with a score of four. He tried to cut Ghavri but only succeeded in edging the ball to first slip to Vishwanath, who dropped an easy catch.

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ROWLING: Imran Khan, 37—5—
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FALL, OF WICKET 1—30.

Faces of the Eighties: Wilson's career gathers pace in SA

Bowler in search of killer instinct

Durban, Jan 30 Watching High Wilson, of Sur-rey, play Currie Cup cricket here at Kingsmead last weekend was a reminder that the legendary days have gone when potential England have gone when potential Enganu-fast bowlers spent their winters in the mines. Back muscles are no longer strengthened at the coal face. Experience and skills can now be broadened from Nov-ember to March in the sunshine of Australia or South Africa.

of Australia or South Africa.

Peter Hugh L'Estrange Wilson, whose initials have carned him the nickname "flea" on the county circuit, belongs to the modern school of articulate fast bowlers. Players like John Snow. David Brown, Bob Willis and others, all men with minds of their own, are capable of succeeding in careers outside the game. They are throwbacks more to Kortright. are throwbacks more to Kortright, Allen or Farnes rather than to the professional contemporaries of those great bowlers.

the professional contemporaries of those great bowlers.

Wilson, who is now 21, gave himself four or five years in cricket when he left Wellington College to see if he could make the grade, by which he means play for England. If he is not good chough, he will resort to chartered surveying or estate management. The next two English summers, the feels, will be crucial for his cricket as players such as Willis and Mike Hendrick near the end of their Test careers.

Wilson has already had the encouragement of being asked by Alec Bedser, the chairman of the England selectors, to have written into his contract with Northern Transvaal this winter a clause that they would release him if England needed him as a replacement. "Obviously they were right to pick Graham Dilley. He is more consistent than me and Yorkshire Stevenson was that much more experienced han Tony Pigott, of Sussex, or myself when Hendrick came home. But I like to think that I will prove myself in the next year or so."

Wilson, who stands 6ft Sin and weighs around 141st, has not yet "filled out" as he puts it. "I do a lot of running and Micky Stewart has arranged weight training for me. Alf Gover still belps

Stewart has arranged weight train-ing for me. Alf Gover still helps me with my action and gives me tips." It was Gover who told Wilson not to take any notice of criticisms of his long run up which has caused comment both in Eng-land and in South Africa. With the temperature at 85 degrees, Wilson was taking 50 or 60 strides back to start bowling and he averaged about six and a half minutes

an over. Mike Procter, for Natal, took about 10 yards less and, as the local idol, escaped the barracking which Wilson was given. To the onlooker, the first half of Wilson's approach was stuttery before he flowed smoothly into full stride and he confessed: "I make my mark 27 paces back. The rest can vary. Sometimes I stroll back a further 20 yards, sometimes less, sometimes less, sometimes used the 'rest' Sometimes you need the 'rest'. Sometimes you do it under captain's orders to waste time. Sometimes you feel you need it to gather momentum. If it looks stuttery, it's because I must hit my mark or I'm no-balled."

Wilson admits he has not yet developed whar is commonly known as the killer instinct when bowling his lastest. "Both at it, either. It's something we have to put up with but the other knockout events are wonderful howing his fasteet. "Both at home and here team mates encourage me to 'dig' the ball in. I think this approach is coming to me. I would never deliberately



Wilson: known as Flea, he stands 6ft 5in and weighs 14!st.

bowl to hurt anyone but, as a fast bowler, I use my assets. If a batsman misses and it hits him in the ribs, it is not my fault." In this context, Wilson prefers a batsman to wear a helmet. "At least twice I've sent someone's helmet flying and I've thought helmet flying and I've thought 'crikey, what would have hap-pened if he had not been wear-ing it?'."

wilson was first spotted in a fast bowling competition for schoolboys, organized by The Cricketer magazine in conjunction with Cover, though he misheard the early results and failed to take part in the closing stages. take part in the closing stages. Living at Hartney Witney, he had a Hampshire qualification but after two years of second eleven play they let him go. He was still primarily a swing bowler then. Gover recommended him to Surrey, for whom his Guildford birthmeant he was immediately available. He made steady progress through 1978 and played more regularly last summer, including taking four for 36 in the Benson and Hedges Cup final at Lord's. Wilson, who plays in contact lenses, enjoys the Gillette and Benson and Hedges Cups more than the three-day game. "You can't pull out the stops in front of a 100 people at the Oval. But when the ground is full, it makes the adrenalin flow. Not the Sunday League—you can't enjoy bewling off a retricted run while day League—you can't enjoy bowling off a restricted run white the batsman is just trying to belt you. I don't think batsmen enjoy

promise was spotted and he was signed by Northern Transvaal to play for them this season on their return to the Currie Cup's A section. (South African regulations allow each Currie Cup team one overseas player.

overseas player. I

Northern Transvaal are having
a dreadful season and to date have
lost six matches and drawn one.
Wilson's accuracy and ability to
make the ball rise on the most unsympathetic pitches have earned
him much praise in both one-day
and three-day games. Against
Eastern Province at Pretoria, he
claimed his career best figures of
five for 36 in 20 overs.

Last Saturday, in three spells

Last Saturday, in three spells totalling 14 overs, he had conceeded only 15 runs before being punished late in the day during the "final thrash" for bonus points, Procter, by the way, limping in his types proce, howled at points. Procter, by the way, himping in his kinee brace, bowled at his fastest and took seven for 29 in 14 overs to dismiss Northern Transvaal in their first innings on Sunday for 76. Procter finished with match figures of 10 for 72 as Natal won by an innings and 101 runs.

Playing only eight or nine three-day sunday a season makes each

day games a season makes each Currie Cup match a far tenser occasion than the programme of six days a week in England, according to Wilson, Like other county cricketers playing or coaching in South Africa, he believes the standard of the hest sides like Natal, Transvaal or Western Province is marginally higher than that of the leading English counties. "Most of us would back the South African cricket."

It cost Wilson £1,000 to play club cricket under his own auspices in Johannesburg in 1978-79. His work harder here for success."

Botham and the fast bowler Willis the match could decide their interwiller. Gower and Larkins (if national future. They must do well he is selected) could also find Racing

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Towcester programme

1.30 MARSTON HURDLE (Div I : Novices : £643 : 2m)

tricket selectors meet here tomorrow to pick the team for
Friday's third Test match, the last
game of their three-month tour.
With Australia holding a 2-0
lead in the series, and the West
Indies having beaten England last
week in the World Series Cup, the

West Indies tour of England later
this year.

England's hopes have already
suffered a setback. The fast bowler
Oliley strained a muscle in his
side last week and if the selectors
decide to play three fast bowlers
he could be replaced by Lever.
But the selectors could opt for two
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Dusty Rhodes. M. Dowling. 12-10-0 B. Ling. 8-1

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Ign. 10-1 Gin N' Lime. 12-1 Princely Fool. 14-1 Tuparon. 20-1 3.0 JANUARY CHASE (Novices handicap: £806: 2m 5f 110yd)

1 1-2300 Siego Kina: 1. Dudgeon. 7-10-13 R. Floyd

5 12021 Master Right. D. Rent. 9-10-13 R. Rowell

8 04-1424 Mistor Busch. D. Nicholson. 0-10-10 P. Scottsmooth

8 04-1424 Reliable Robert. R. Armylage. 6-10-10 R. R. Hyell

10 1210 Hobbert. R. Armylage. 6-10-10 R. R. Hyell

11 030-42 Hobbert. R. R. Hyell

12 030-42 Hobbert. R. Stechensom. 7-10-6 S. Smith-teckles

13 030-42 Hobbert. P. Buller. 8-10-5 S. Smith-teckles

14 00020 Winterbourn? Lad. J. Bosley. 7-10-6 E. Walle 4

15 000-302 Dear Romus. J. Harris. 8-10-0 P. Hobbe

16 000-302 Bear Romus. J. Harris. 8-10-0 P. Barry J.

17 000-303 File Lady. M. Oliver. 8-10-0 P. Barry J.

18 000-304 Effet Lady. M. Oliver. 8-10-0 P. Barry J.

20 020-300 Tidal Wave. D. H. Jones. 8-10-0 P. Barry J.

21 0030-00 Biue Comedian. N. Chamberistin. 4-10-0 D. Nichasin.

22 00-00-00 Clark Princa. R. Wall. 10-0 D. N. Clarkil 7

23 003-00 Biue Comedian. N. Chamberistin. 4-10-0 J. Davies 7

24 003bor Casyes. R. Pugh. 6-10-10 J. Davies 7

25 00-300 Tiday Remus. 12-1 Slege King. 11-1 others.

23 004 P. Davies T. Davies S. J. Rohable Robert. 6-1 Noblest Noble.

24 Nater Right. 10-1 Davies Remus. 12-1 Slege King. 11-1 others. ic poils

40 MARSTON HURDLE (Die II: Novices: £620: 2m)

Fowcester selections By Our Racing Correspondent 1.36 Safeguard. 2.0 Blessed Boy. 2.30 Toyco. 3.6 Astral Charmer. 3.30 Wr Batnac. 4.0 Royal Admiral.

Wincanton selections by Our Racing Correspondent
15 My Buck. 1.45 Narribinni. 2.15 Calinago. 2.45 Stoic Yarn. 3.15
15 My Buck. 1.45 Narribinni. 4.15 Roll of Drums.
16 digrator. 3.45 Young Pretender. 4.15 Roll of Drums.

Narribinni should give | Wincanton programme Linley flying start

By Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent

Hills' decision to open an antepost book on Saturday's Freshfields Hollday Handicap Steeplechase at Sandown Park has met
with the expected response. There
was a furore of activity in the
offices yesterday with punters
seemingly split between Diamond
Edge and Raffi Nelson. Although
King Weasel, Tied Cottage and
Mac Vidi are likely to be in the
line-up as well these two were
backed virtually to the exclusion
of anything else yesterday morning. They now head the market at
3 to 1, Diamond Edge baving
shortened from 7 to 2 and Raffi
Nelson from 4 to 1.

Richard Head told me yesterpost book on Saturday's Fresh-

Richard Head told me yester-day that he intends giving Border Incident, another Gold Cup contender, two more races before Cheltenham. The first will be at Huntingdon next Thursday in the Ely Steeplechase, the second at Windsor later in February in the Fairlawne Steeplechase. Fairlawne Steeplechase.

Raffi Nelson's stable was in the limelight again at Windsor yesterday when Parleur d'Or sprinted away with the Copper Horse Handicap Hurdle, Dutch Treat ran well enough in this race according to his trainer Ryan Price to deserve a crack at the Schweppes Gold Trophy, which Price won four times in five years in its early days.

The Boveney Handican Steenle-

The Boveney Handicap Steeple-chase was spoilt for many when the 15-year-old Potentate fell at the first lence in front of the stands and broke a leg. The vet had no option but to put him down. The race was eventually won by Irish

Mermoney
Mr T. Thomson Jenes (5-4 fev) 3
Mr S. Thomson Jenes (5-4 fev) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Potentate (1:, 11-1
Chicitains Cottant. 14-1 Redundant
Punter. 16-1 Kits (34t), 20-1 Hill
Fig. (p) 16-40-1
Everything (p).

TOTE Win ARn: places, 11p. 24p. 11p. Dual F: 21.35, CSF: \$4.04.

Windsor results

Shamrock who is trained by Nick Gaselee whose 41st birthday it was yesterday. Richard Linley announced yes-

Richard Liney announced yes-terday that he had relinquished his retainer with Toby Balting's stable by mutual agreement and that he had decided to ride as a freelance in the future. His first winner in this capacity could well be Narri-binni at Wincanton this afternoon. mis capacity could well be narribinni at Wincaunon this afternoon.

Much will depend on whether
The Snipe is in form. At his best
he would have a favourite's
chance. After all he was runnerup in both the Mackeson Gold
Cup and the Massey-Ferguson Gold
Cup and the Massey-Ferguson Gold
Cup last autumn. But he ran deplorably in his last race at Haydock Park earlier this month and
it may be sense to side with
Narribinni, who beat Dramatist at
Chepstow in December. More recently Narribinni was runner-up to
Diamond Edge at Wincanton. Although he was completely outpointed by Diamond Edge that
day he ran well enough to suggest that he could beat The Snipe
it The Snipe were below par.

Stoic Yarn looks just the sort
to excel jumping fences and he is
my selection for the first division.
Lacson would have a favourite's
chance to the second division. my selection for the first division. Lacson would have a favourite's chance in the second division if only one could guarantee that he would run as well as he did at Cheltenham in December when he beat Special Cargo. However he has been raced out of his depth in the meantime with indifferent results and in the circumstances I am happy to take a chance with Young Pretender, who was runner-up to Tarbank at Newbury.

STATE OF GOING: 'official: Win-cinion, good to soft: Towcester, good to soft. Tomorrow: Sandown Park, good to soft: Sedgefield, soft. 3.15 (3.16) OAKSIDE CHASE (Handicap: 1965: 3m 5f)
TWILIGHT GOLD, ch g. by Twilight
Alley—Datay Belle (M. Hinkins).
10-3 G. McCourt (10-1) 1
Another Charm., M. Basigns (14-1) 2
Chevuigan .. H. Davios (100-30) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Lucky Call.
11-9 Menal Men (1), 13-2 David
Tudor (1), 13-2 David
Tudor (35) 1. Haveo Melody (f).
Davenlry (1), 9 ran.
10 Davenlry (1), 9 ran.
110. Diani f: 22.88 Am, McCourt. at
Wantage. 31, 11-1, CSF: 24.93. 1.45 (1.46) BROCAS HURDLE (Div. 1: Novices: £372: 23m) NEW TOP, b { by New Brig-Peg Top (M. Sanderson) 4-10-7 R. Rowell (7-2) Peg Top (M. Sanderson: 4-10-7
Peg Top (M. Sanderson: 4-10-7
Going For Gold. Rowell (7-2: 1
Going For Gold. Rowell (7-2: 1
Going For Gold. Rowell (7-2: 1
Scarlel Emporer. Mr. N. Darby (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Woodlands Lad
13th. 13-2 Willow Brook (1). 10-1
Royal Vacatumer. 13-1 Fu's Fancy.
13-1 Poniarosa. 16-1 Prod. Tudonia.
20-1 Choquers Cori. 5-2 Fold. Tudonia.
20-1 Choquers Cori. 5-3 Fold. Tudonia.
20-1 Rowell (1). Hisonly. Our
10-1 Horrighto. Royal Doal (n).
1 Thrifty Time 191, Orenge Pown Man.
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20 ran. 3.45 (3.47) COPPER MORSE MURDLE (Mandicap: 1604; 2m 30yds)
PARLEUR D'OR, by by Speek John Ave Valeque (J. Nexh.) 5-10-11
Jaffa Jack ... R. Hyni (7-1; 2)
Dublos ... Mr A. Madgwick (16-11; 3)
ALSO RAN: 4-1 lav Sherr, 11-2 Out
Monsteur, 15-2 Night Porter, 8-1 Dutch
17721, 16-1 avd. Darling Bob. Excelsior, 20-1 in Vision (4th.) Ordnance
Hill, Capitalle Erz, Mascarenhas, 25-1
Good Infent, 5-1 Plastic Cup, Reme.
Civil Servant, 18 ram.
TOTE: Win, 5-p: places, 23p, 17p,
21b, 91p; dual foercast: \$2.70. CSF:
64-15. 2 15 /2,17, HOLYPORT BURDLE (Handcap, Selling £4-2; 2m 30yds) IF AND WHEN, b m by Ralliof.
Juries Act 1G Brealy 5-11-2
Mr W. Powrer (1-1)
Cutler ... G. Msore (2-1 fav. 2
Cumberiand Reel. G. McNaly (9-1) 3 Cumberland Reel. G. McNally (9-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Sand Yacht, 6-1
Gelting Warmer, 15-2 Tuthill Lad (p).
8-1 Tallers Reso, 12-1 Private Love,
Technalic (41h), 10-1 Grossy, 20-1
Coaldust, Henlow Gamble, 35-1, Sun,
Star. My Anastasia (p). Where's
Henry, 13 ran,
TOFF: Win, 22,23: places, 370,
TOF, 26h, Dual F (22,59, CSF; 24,62,
M. Salaman, at Upper Lambourn,
M. M. Winner soid to Brian Babbage
for 1,200 guiness. 4.15 (3.19) BROCAS HURDLE (Dir II: Novices: £583; 2°am)

BAZZ'S BOV. 8f g by Dragonara
Palace—River Palace (8. Mayvrood) 4-10-3 S. G. Knight (5-1) 2

Alagora Groon ... P. Carvill (5-1) 2

Alagora Groon ... P. Carvill (5-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-4 by Haystack; 5-1

Felz 4-th; 7-1 General Carl, 8-1 0'cr
th; 10-1 Pono! Bully 854, Socks

Tribe (5-1) Pono! Rilly 1854, Krunt
Drive, 13-1 Brandy Rilly
Straight, Elon Boy, Guertaswanter,
Straight, Elon Boy, Guertaswanter,
Straight, Elon Boy, Guertaswanter,
Straight (1) Carroller (1) Elon Chance (1): 2

Blancombe Lass (p) Tambéau (1): 22

Paracombe Lass (p) Tambéau (1): 22

Paracombe Lass (p) Tambéau (1): 22

Paracombe Lass (p) Tambéau (1): 22 2.45 (2.46) **BOVENEY CHEE** (Handi-cap: £1,035: 5m) Cap: £1,033: 5ml IRISH SHMRQCK, ch g, by Cantab —Royal Shamprock (C. Hellyer), Q-10-3, ..., R, R, Evans (9-2) 1 Sonny Somers B, de Hean (8-1) 2 Marmoney

TOTE: Win, 70p; places, 36p, 48p, 23p; dual forecast; £9.84, CSF; £9.13.

TOTE DOUBLE: INS. SAME CAP: EST. IS.
TOTE DOUBLE: Irish Shammak and
Parleur D'Or. \$25.50. TREBLE: II And
When. Twilish Gold and Bazz' Shoy.
\$271.95. JACKPOT: Not won, pool of
\$75.55. carried inpresent to Wincanton
today. PLACEPOT: \$12.43.

1.15 CORTON DENHAM OPPORTUNITY CHASE (Handicap: £1,115 : 2m 5f) f.,115; 2m 5f).

1 40-1311 My Buck, J. Edwards, 8-12-0.

6 024/p2 Mrs Stophens, K. Lewis, 10-11-1.

8 u30-020 Alpenstock, S. Mellor, 13-10-10.

12 3- Forry Point, A. Andrews, 10-10-5.

13 04001 Tuilow Lane, G. Bairling, P-10-5.

15 0-340f4 Grant Miss Stophens, 5-10-5.

16 000003 Engyliches Stophens, 5-10-5.

17 11-10 My Sure Lane, A House, S. Harenstock, B. Benfall

11-10 My Buck, 3-1 Mrs Stephens, 5-1 Alpenstock, 8-1 Bienfalt, 10-1 Easy Mckens, 14-1 others. 1.45 WINCANTON CHALLENGE CHASE (£2,087 : 2m 5f) 202 04 Bitter Ender, I. Baiding, 7-11-11 ... A. Carrell 203 1121-22 Narribinal (D), N. Mitchell, R-11-11 ... R. Liniev 203 21-2220 The Snipe, J. Webber, 10-11-11 ... A. Webber 4-6 The Snipe, 2-1 Narribinal, 13-2 Bitter Ender.

2.15 GILLINGHAM HURDLE (Handicap: £1,220: 3m) C. Grav 4
G. McCourt
G. Old
Avilife 7
Miss P. Haner 4

2.45 NOVICES' CHASE (Div I: £1,006: 3m 1f) | 2.45 NOVICES' CHASE (Div I: £1,006; 3m 1f) | 401 24-4491 | Caper's Lad (D). N. Mitchell, 8-11-10 | 401 302-231 | Loving Words (D) J. Thorner, 7-11-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-10 | 5-3.15 NOVICES' HURDLE (Div I: 4-y-o: £536: 2m)

3.45 NOVICES' CHASE (Div II: £999: 3m 1f)

Lacson, 100-30 Young Proteinder, 5-1 Royal Pertoru, 13-2 Snice, 8-1 nstown, 10-1 Bucksome, Pembi Chase, 12-1 Solihuli Sport, 16-1 ethers. 4.15 NOVICES' HURDLE (Div II: 4y-0: £545: 2m)

Book reviews

Lessons to be learned from a distinguished team

preparation and tensions preceeding an international, I have yet to see it.

By Peter West

Ian Robertson's Success in Rugby (John Murray, £3.50) is the latest in a sporting series which teaches aspiring young players how to acquire the essential individual skills. The authorhas fielded a distinguished team of contributors. Who better, for instance, than Mike Gibson to demonstrate the pass off either hand, or Phil Bennett the sidestep? The text is clear, there is a weight of excellent illustrations and the author, setting himself a limited objective, has done a thorough job.

It is surely not too late to mention briefly three other rugby books which were published last autumn. An Autobiography, by Gerald Davies (George Allen and Unwin, £4.95), is the best book by a player that I have read in many years. If anyone has given a more stimulating insight into the preparation and tensions preceeding an international, I have yet cess, so he has an unusary varied rugby tale to relate. Not the least interesting feature of his Mp Kind of Rugby (Faber and Faber. £4.95) is the account of how he met the challenge of climbing new peaks of achievement in the League game among his own community.

Rackets Everyone courts disaster in

quarter-finals By Roy McKelvie Rackets Correspondent

Rackets Correspondent
Christopher Braithwaite, the
holder, will play Neil Polley, and
last year's runner-up, Mark
Nicholls, will meet Alisdair Drew
in the semi-final round of the
Army rackets championships at the
RMA Sandhurst this afternoon.
None of these four players dropped
a game yesterday, though play became increasingly hazardous us
the temperature rose sharply and
suddenly caused the court to
sweat.

suddenly caused the court to sweat.

The court was slippery in parts when Braithwaite opened play with a crisp, no-nonsense win over Giles de Lotbiniere by 15—4, 15—5 15—3. By the time the third and fourth quarter-final round marches were played, conditions were bordering dangerous.

It was hard enough for de Lotbiniere, a tidy and eager player, to have to meet Braithwaite, but to be denied one of his assets, the ability to get around the conrt quickly, was a mortal blow. He fell twice, and thereafter was reluctant to chase anything

Drew and Barry Airken, whom he beat by 15—2, 15—9, 15—11, were suspicious of the conditions, and this produced a match in and this produced a match in which neither man was able to

which neither man was able to play his hest.

SINGLES: Cuarter-final round; C. H. Brailhwaite bail C. de Labinniere.

15—3. 15—5. 17—5: N. G. T. Policy beat T. P. Toyne-Sewell. 15—1. 15—8. 15—3. 15—4. 15—1. 15—

Squash rackets O'Connor faster on court than Courtney

Earry O'Connor swept into the last eight of the British Amateur squash rackets championships, soonsored by Sun Life, at Wembley on Tuesday night. He gave a masterly performance to crush a former England international, Stuart Courtney, 9-2, 9-1, 9-1. O'Connor, from Dulvich, ranked three in Britain, demoratized Courtney with some amazing recoveries. H's speed around the court was decisive and when he began playing a series of accurate drop shots as well, his opponent's hopes were shattered. Although the match lasted less than helf an hour Courtney looked exhausted.

O'Connor, whose appearances at international level have been limited because of injuries, now international level have been limited because of injuries, now meets the Australian. Roger Flyan, in the quarter-final round tomorrow—O'Connor's 26th birth-

riyan. In the quarter-tinal round tomorrow—O'Connor's 26th birthday. Jon Leslie, of Buckinhamshire, was taken to four games by Karimulah Khan, of Pakistan, Leslie, the third seed, winning 9—5, 9—0, 1—9, 9—5. Khan started slowly but took the third game with ease. He trien forced Leslie into brillian retrieting.

THIRD BOURD IN FIVE CAUSIFIANT 10-31. Soliman (Ease). Solorborn (Sweden), 10-3, 10-

Table tennis

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Cresta run

The forgotten treasures of **English cooking**

I have been collecting old cookery books and eating my way steadily through the contents for the past 20 years. Until recently one could sometimes find old cookery books for a few pounds, or simply a few shillings, in secondhand book shops—usually if the books had pages missing or were in a dilapidated state. This did not deter me, for it was the recipes in which I was interes-

Unfortunately cookery books have now become fashionable, fetching extremely high prices in the saferooms, especially if the pages are uncut, But it is the books worn and stained with the drama of long dead cooking that I find most moving. I have about three hundred of them, mostly English and going back to the seventeenth century.

The early ones are more interesting for their associations than for their cooking. A Queen's Delight, printed in 1656, evidently contains recipes used by Queen Henriema Maria, the French wife of Charles I. They were "transcribed from the true Copies of her Majesties own receipt-book by W. M. one of her late servenes, Vivit post funera virtues, 1656." One receipt tells how "to make a Cake the way of the Royal Princess, the Lady Elizabeth." She was daughter of Charles I and died as a prisoner in The early ones are more interesting of Charles I and died as a prisoner in Carisbrooke Castle at the age of 15 in 1650—the year after her father was

To make her cake "Take half a peck of flower, half a pint of Rose-water, a pint of Ale yeast, a pint of Cream, half it, a pound and an half of Butter, roil it, a pound and an half of Butter, six Eggs (leave out the white) four pound of Curvans, one half pound of Sugar, one Numeg, and a little Salt, work it very well, and let it stand half an hour by the fire and then work it again, and then make it up, and let it stand an hour and a half in the Oven; let not your Oven be too Hot."

From when one has struggled to your

Even when one has struggled to render the recipe into modern English and reduced the quantities, it remains a rather boring current loaf.

It was only when people began to use forks that English cooking became something. Forks were an Italian refinement not at all common, even in princely households, until the end of the seventeenth century. At first they were thought effeminate but, obviously, if one has to sup one's food from a porringer with a spoon or back if off a carcase with a jack knife, cooking must be limited. One cannot help won-dering who invents the menus for those 'Elizabethan' banquets—with wenches -put on nowadays for tourists.

In the early eighteenth century we ate more and we are better than people in the rest of Europe. Travellers said that nowhere else could you find such trader juicy steaks, such luscious thick cut mutton chops and huge prime cuts of beef done to a turn on spit or gridiron. Our pies were famous. The gridiron. Our pies were famous. The cooking in our taverns and chophouses was removed throughout Europe and when the first public restaurant opened in Paris in 1782 it was called the Grande Taverne de Londres (specializing in Le Rosbif de Mouton) after the famous London Tavern where John Farley was rendwed for his turtle soup. His London Art of Cookery of 1783, is full of good things.

Queen Anne, to whom the Hanoverians referred rudely as "the gouty queen of the gourmands", loved good food and according to Patrick Lamb, master chef at St James's Palace for about 50 years, our sumptuous court

banquets were the envy of all Europe. Our credit and esteem with foreign ministers has in great measure been built and supported on this foundation, for those whose shortness of parts, or perhaps residence, among us would not qualify em to embark upon the nicer parts of our constitutions, have yet gone away with such relish of our magnificence as to lament their own barrenress, whenever they reflect on the fleshpots they left behind them."

Lamb's Royal Cookery was published Lamb's Royal Cookery was published in 1710 shorely after his death and the food he prepared, whether it was "Boil'd Pullets with Oysters and Bacon", the "Patty of Mushrooms" or the "Pupton of Pigeons", has the simple elegance of much of the furniture of the period. Lamb writes obscurely, however, and the recipes are difficult to follow. It was the ege of the sporting squire and six bottle man, with some of the perior finishing the with some of the gentry finishing the evening under the table. No one could now eat the enormous meals of that period but some of the individual dishes are most acceptable and one cannot help reading Parson Woodforde's without the mouth watering

Though few women could read, cookery books aimed at "Good Wives and Tender Mothers" now began to be printed, often with recipes for "Physick

Self-denigration was a feature of Britain in the 1970s. In medicine it was evident in the widespread criticism of the services provided by the NHS

to pregnant women and their newborn babies. Stillbirths and deaths within a week of birth are together termed permatal mortality, and the focus of the

criticism was that Britain's peri-natal mortality rate seemed con-

sistently to lag behind the rates

At the beginning of the decade perinatal mortality in England was 24 per 1,000 births, compared with 16 to 17 in Scan-

dinavian countries. By 1976 the Swedes had cut their rate to 11,

but England, Scotland, and Northern Lireland were respec-

tively 17, 18, and 22. Countries such as France were also appar-

ently improving their results

This poor performance led to

demands for greater investment

in maternity services and for

financial incentives to encour-

age pregnant women to attend

clinics; and—in the British

tradition—inquiries and re-

search projects proliferated, culminating in 1978 in the Social Services Subcommittee of

the Expenditure Committee of

up an investigation into means

of reducing perinatal mortality.

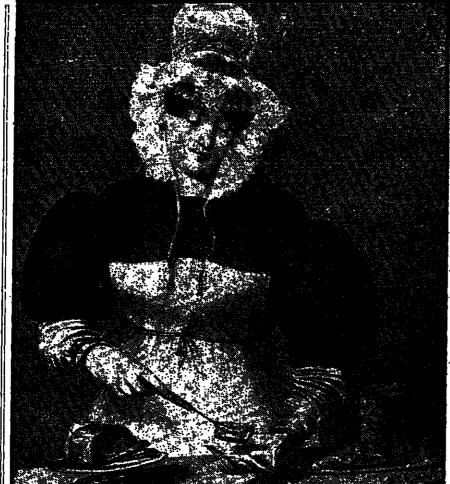
This committee, with Mrs Renee

Short in the chair, has been re-

convened in the present session and will report this spring.

faster than Britain.

of our European neighbours.





From a set of lithographs in Sheila Hutchin's kitchen.

and Surgery" at the back. Plagrarism was savage. Whole sections of cookery books were lifted and reprinted without acknowledgement—as I find some are

today.
Mrs Glass's The Art of Cookery Made Planses The Art of Cookery Made Plan and Easy first issued in 1747, was printed and seprinted for over a hundred years. Planted versions were common. I have several copies, all slightly different sometimes the same text with a different title and sometimes the same title but a different

text.

Mrs Glasse lived in the great days of English eating and writes in plain, sometimes pungent proce, reminding one a little of that of Defoe. Her recipes were neither for chefs nor for use in great houses, but good English domestic great nouses, our good tangush domestic cookery carefully set down to be understood by servants—though she includes a chapter for the use of "Seafaring Men". Mrs Glasse lived just around the corner from Gough Square and her book seems to have been the one used by the old ladies in Dector Johnson's harville themselves the control of th household, through he said he could have written a better one.

whiten a better one.

Mrs Glasse used truffles in such profusion in her "Oxcheek Pie" that they
must have been plentiful, for oxcheek itself was always a cheap cut. Her "Bread and Wine Sauce for Roast Pig" is a forgotten classic, though it once was so popular that it was still appearing, with variations, in cookery books published in the late nineteenth-

"First take a large piece of bread without the crust, boil it in one pint of water with a little sugar, a few currents, a blade of mace and six peppercorns. Let it boil for about five minutes, Remove the mace and pepper-

mortality, the problems have migrants and women of the appeared more rather than less lowest social class. Adverse

appeared more rather than less complex. A series of articles currently appearing in the Lancet has looked at the patterns of obstetric care in Europe, Australia, and the United States as well as in Britain, showing how many factors, both social and medical, affect the outcome of pregnancy.

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and casting doubts on several fashionable theories.

been going on, a somewhat un-expected improvement has occurred in the index under scrutiny: in the past five years

the British perinatal mortality rate has dropped faster than at

any time in the past 50 years, and the rate for 1979 seems

likely to be as low as 12 or 13

-close to Scandinavian levels.

What has emerged so far from these inquiries is, firstly,

some explanation for the ap-

parently poor record of the

NHS; and, secondly, some con-sensus on what needs to be done in the immediate future.

Britain compares badly with,

say, Sweden for several reasons.

One factor is racial: the British,

and especially the Scots and

abnormalities of the central

pervous system, such as spina

bifida. Deaths from this cause

are six or seven times as fre-

the House of Commons setting Irish, are unusually prone to up an investigation into means give birth to babies with severe

While this soul searching has

Baby deaths: much inquiring but little progress

social circumstances of this kind are more common in Britain than in Scandinavia; indeed the Office of Health

Economics has described perinatal mortality as "a question

Swedish women. Twelve ante-naral visits are usual, and during the first year of life the infant is seen six times by the

doctor and nurse. There are no

financial incentives, but Swedish women readily accept this care:

in his report in the Lancet Pro-fessor Gösta Rooth claimed that

99 per cent of pregnant women

attended for all planned visits from the beginning of preg-

nancy until the infant is four

How can Britain complete the

process of catching up with Sweden? Asked that question, Professor Richard Beard of St Mary's Hospital, London, had no doubt that the answer lay in

levelling up so that uniformly good standards of care are found throughout the country.

"We have to face the reality"

he said, "that for the next two

generations at least the numbers

of socially disadvantaged is un-

are six or seven times as fre-quent in Britain as in Sweden. cians are going to have to medical care, relatively free of

years old.

corns and drain off the water carefully. Beat up the bread to a thick sauce with a large lump of butter and a glass of wine".

I use one ounce of currants and an inch thick slice from a sandwich loaf with the crusts cut off, less water than Mrs Glasse, and about one ounce of butter. This gives enough bread-crumbs, though in fact they can be quite large lumps of bread for they should be drained so they are about the consistency of wet dough before the butter and wine are added.

Despite popular legend Mrs Glasse did not write the words "first catch your hare" usually attributed to her, though her "take your hare when it is cased "—or gutted—may have suggested them to some bright mind in Grub Street, Her simple "English Rabbit" is a dish of which I am very fond; a glass of good claret goes well with it.

"Toast a slice of bread brown on born sides, then lay it in a plate before the fire, pour a glass of red wine over it and let it soak the wine up. Then cut some cheese very thin and lay it very thick over the bread and put it in a tin over before the fire and it will be toasted and browned presently". Lacking her tin oven. I put the toast and cheese in a fire-proof dish in an ordinary oven, though it might perhaps be cooked on a trivet before a log fire. Mrs Rundell's A New Sustem of Domestic Cookery of 1806 was another famous, much pirated book of which I have several editions, going up to 1837 when John Murray published the sixtieth. Murray made a great deal of money out of it and, when he bought the lease of a house in Albemarle

As so many obstetricians and Next, perinatal mortality is concentrate their efforts parti-risk for the mother, but this is statisticians have examined the known to be high among cularly on that group. For them not so for the baby. Between factors that influence perinatal single unsupported women, im- to do so agreed standards of 10 per cent and 40 per cent of

The effect of social factors should not, however, obscure the uniformity of the high standards of medical care offered to

the country."

As a first step Professor Beard would like to see such minimum standards of staffing and equipment agreed nationally and maintained in every region.

born with difficulties in breathing or other unexpected emer-

gencies. Properly staffed and equipped, obstetric units can deal with the problems so

common in deprived areas. But additional funds will be needed

if standards are to be kept acceptable: redistribution alone

Next, he supports the idea

currently being canvassed of a confidential inquiry system to

look at all perinatal deaths.

There are, he believes, avoid-

able factors in as many as one

third to half of all perinatal deaths. Again the Swedish ex-

perience is compelling: three

times a year every delivery unit

is given an analysis of its per-

formance, with data from other

will not be enough.

is a battered copy of The Cook's Oracle by Doctor. Kitchiner, an amazing and perhaps slightly barmy figure said to be the original of the Rev Doctor Folliott in Peacock's Croctchet Castle. Kitchiner had a medical degree, but Kitchiner had a medical degree, but from Glasgow, so in those days he was not allowed to practice in London. He spent his time experimenting in cooking, writing on optics and the use of telescopes. Some of his footnotes are better value than the recipes he gives. Kitchiner loved English cooking.

"An Englishman's head may be as An Engisterian's nead may be as full of gravy as a Frenchman's", he said. His "Wow-Wow Sauce" is good with boiled beef and boiled bacon. "Chop some parsley very fine. Quarter two or three pickled walnuts and divide them into small squares and set divide them into small squares and set them by ready. Put into a saucepan a bit of butter as big as an egg, when it has melted sair into it a tablespoon of flour and about half a pint of the broth in which the beef was boiled. Add a tablespoon of winegar, the like quantity of inushrooms, catchup or port wine, or both and a teaspoon of made mustard. Let it simmer together until it is as thick as you want it. Put made mustard. Let it simmer together until it is as thick as you want it. Put in the parsley and the pickle to warm, and pour it over the beef, or rather send it up in a sauce turrine. If you think the above not especially piquant add to it some capers or a minced eshcalot, or one or two teaspoonfuls of essence of anchovie or basil vinegar, or horseradish vinegar."

or horseradish vinegar."

Come the mid-nineteenth century we were still proud of English cooking. It was said that the best beef and mutton in the world were to be had in London, and that the game was superb even if it were so well hung as to be almost rotten. Eliza Acton was a Victorian spinster whose Modern Cookery for Private Families first appeared in 1845 and is one of the best cookery books in the English language.

But Alexis Soyer is the one whose ghost it might be the most fun to meet. He was an excitable dandified comic opera Frenchman who first became famous as chef to the Reform Club; he cooked breakfast for two thousand people on the morning of Queen Victoria's coronation, and was one of the most remarkable chefs in London. Then in February 1855—one of the darkest phases of the Crimean War—appalled by the muddle and the thousands of lives lost through disease and bad feeding. Soyer wrote to The Times and offered to go out there at his own expense to advise on diets and catering in military hospitals. He was received "very coolly" by the

Once out there Soyer found ways of making something decent out of Army rations, producing soups and stews which were palatable to sick men by which were palatable to sick men by the simple expedient of actually putting a little seasoning in them. Even this departure from Army victualling required consent from Whitehall. Soyer invented the field kitchen and the Scutari coffee-pot, and did as much for army and hospital catering as Florence Nightingale did for nursing. In The Culinary Campaign he writes of his efforts simply and well, yet with much of the charm of "Tartarin of Ternascon", giving affectionate accounts of Miss Nightingale at work, on horseback and even under fire. Soyer back and even under fire. Soyer returned to London in May 1857, got little thanks for his work, was not decorated or even commemorated by a plaque after his death in the follow-ing year. I seldom cook bis "Musiroom and Kidney sandwich" without thinking

"Grill three plain kidneys speared a la brochette to keep them flat. Grill also six large mushroom heads, well season with salt and pepper—Cayenne season with sair and pepper—vyama if approved of. A few minutes will do them. Then rub a little fresh butter inside the mushrooms. Dish up each kidney between two mushrooms while very hot, and serve If a large quantity is required proceed thus: well butter as source pan large twenty or more a sauté pan, lay in twenty or more heads of large mushrooms just washed, season well with salt and pepper. Let them stew for twenty minutes gently in an oven or until done. Make your kidney sandwich as above, put a tablespoonful of the kidney and mushroom gravy over, and serve. The same may be served on thin toast. The stems of the mushrooms may be stewed and served with the dish."

This is delicious—it is surprising that it should have been forgotten. Sheika Hutchins

obstetric and neonatal care cerebral palsy (spastic paraly-have to be available throughout sis) can be ascribed to adverse

Shona Crawford Poole is on holiday

events occurring before birth.

If these disasters are to be avoided recent advances in our knowledge of fetal life em-

bodied in perinatal medicine must be applied in obstetric practice." The feedback pro-vided by an audit system of in-

quiries into perinatal deaths would help speed up this change in attitude. Perinatal mortality has come

under the sportight as more people have realized that every reduction in perinatal deaths means a similar reduction in the numbers of babies who sur-

vive handicapped. Prevention is the only satisfactory answer to child handicaps: and the most striking feature of Swedish ob-

stetrics is the health of the

20 to 24-year-old married women from the higher social

classes, having her second baby,

a non-smoker and non-drinker,

with a clear bill of health. The

nearer Britain's expectant mothers approach that ideal, the fewer the problems that wild

face our obstetricians and paediatricians. But for the for-seeable future a low perinatal

Medical Correspondent

The statisticians' ideal is a

mothers.

obstetric care, Professor Beard thinks, have been slow to change. "Having a baby is now, thanks to improvements in the control of the New Services."

Seeable future a low perinatal mortality will depend heavily on the quality and ready availability of the NHS services.

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"Actress for the '80s" "The hottest actress in America." Fortunately Miss Streep is too intelligent and too sophisticated to be flattered by the headline-writers. She wears her labels lightly and merely recalls that her grandmother used to comment that today's newspaper wraps tomorrow's fish. And after a pause she adds that she has become accustomed to seeing her own face stare up from the newspriot among the garbage Present London W1.
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The fame and acclaim have come from five pictures in quick succession. The Deer quick succession. The Deer Hunter and Manhattan have played, and are still playing, the circuits. Holocaust has been seem on television all over America and Europe. The Seduction of Joe Tynan opens at the ABC Shaftesbury Avenue next week and Kramer Vs Kramer is this year's Royal Command film in the middle of March and thereafter goes into the Odson, Leicester Square, for a season. The two last-named films begun as fairly low-budget productions and Miss Streep's presence is one of the reasons why both have taken off in America. Those in the tipping business are already forecasting an Oscar. Yet all of this ignores the fact that Meryl Streep began screen career in an earlier movie. Fred Zinnemann's Juliu.

"When the casting for Julia was being decided I was in my first season on Broadway, absolutely brand new. June from whose book of portraits Pentimento the script was pentimento the script was adopted, but there was argument on whether or not the title part should be given to an unknown. So I was flown over to Londom for an interview with Fred which lasted all of 20 minutes. I think that secretly he had already decided on Vanessa [Redgrave] for the starring role, but he said that he liked me a great deal.

"So he offered me another part, adding gently that he had too many blondes in Julia and would much appreciate it if I would wear a wig. My answer was that I would wear anything. l was a complete neophyte as far as movies were concerned and I broke out in hives the first day on the set. I played a snotty, rich girl: ouite a big part when it started out, but a lot was left on the cutting room floor. Fred wrote me a letter of apology, which film directors are rarely in the habit of doing. It was great fun, perhaps too much fun, because scenes were a little too jolly for the overall tone of the film. Maybe that was the reason for the cutting room floor. Yet I knew that I could not have been in better hands, and it

was also my introduction to England." Meryl Streep's first major

role was in The Deer Hunter, where she played the simple steel town girl whose life is interrupted when the men with whom she grew up are sum-moned to Vietnam. That again

came from the recommendation of a casting director. "Nobody realizes the power of these people. Or their value. They are the unsung members of the movie industry, because casting is 80 per cent of the road to success. In The Deer Hunter the method was bizarre. Bobby de Niro was up to that time basically a theatre man and the director, Michael Cimino, came from commercials and knew little about actors. Most of us were taken direct from Broadway—Chris Walken was playing in Sweet Bird of Youth—and I know of scarcely any movies set up that way. I was Dunyasha in The Cherry Orchard at the Lincoln Center, which was scarcely the best which was scarcely the best

preparation. A very jokey part involving a lot of pratfalls." Andrei Serban, who is currently in Cardiff directing Eugene Onegin for the Welsh National Opera, produced Chekhov's play with totally personal vision, as was reported on this page at the time. It upset a lot of people, but delighted a generation of theatre-goers who had not been preconditioned into insisting on a "Chekhov Style". In visual terms it is certainly the best Orchard I have seen. the best Cherry

" Joe Papp, who presented it, knew that it would be unpopular in certain quarters. It wouldn't please 'the Viennese', as he calls them, the mink-coated brigade. But I agree with

your assessment. Andrei's eve is unerring: he's the best film director I know who has never made a film."

The Seduction of Joe Tynan, originally called The Senator, arrived at one of the worst moments of Meryl Streep's life. She had been living with John Cazale, who also appeared in The Deer Hunter, and had nursed him while he was dying of cancer. Two scripts came through simultaneously from her agent. One was a remale of Love Story, recommended by the agency because it carried a large fee and to which Miss Streen said "Ugh". The other was a story scripted by Alan Alda about a senator who finds that the processes of getting the presidential nomination and keeping his family together are not altogether compatible. The Streep role is that of the liberated Southern attorney who does the seducing of that title. In the end she loses her man and the film has something of the gentle flavour of Frank Capra's pictures, such as Mr Deeds Goes to Town, where goodness triumphs in the end.

"Capra? Could be. I'm not a movie buff. I went to the cinema to follow the story not to read the credits, which is what half of New York cou-centrates on. But, yes, it has a certain innocence. Why does the senator go back to his wife at the end?—I've argued this with Alan. What's wrong with me? Mr Deeds? Wasn't that the

The next assignment is The French Lieutenant's Woman,

which Harold Pinter scripted from John Fowles's novel and which Karel Reisz will start directing in Dorset in April. Then possibly comes Sophie's Choice, directed by Alan J. Pakula and taken from William Styroa's best seller of last year. No contract has been signed, but Meryl Streep has been demonstrating the Polish accent required for the title

Meanwhile there is the theatre, where it all started. Joseph Papp, who gave Meryl Streep some of her first parts, has been quoted as saying that "she has to return to the stage to train her acting muscles". "Well, of course he would say that because he wants me to go and work for him again. In fact I've been talking with Al [Pacino] and Babby [de Niro] about that this week. We want to form a company to play for a season from December 1930 to May 1981. The Three Sisters which Andrei Serban will direct, is under discussion and so is Othello, plus one or two

"The cinema is so distancing and often you do not know how the balance will turn out. I remember Woody Allen calling and asking me if I could give him three days. I said Sure. Wednesday, Thursday and Fridry. That was the role of the lesbian in Manhattan. It's like breast-feeding a baby. which I'm doing right now. When he gets hungry he cries. one with Jean Arthur? She was It will not be long before I'm one of my drama teachers at hungry for the theatre."

John Higgins

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It was Brahms Turough Other Ears on Tuesday when John Princhard's concert with the London Philharmonic Orchestra included the G minor processing for orchestra by Schoenberg, and the Handel Variations as reincluded the G minor piano imagined for orchestra by Mauricio Kagel, With Pinchas Zuckerman as the evening's soloist, one might have expected Brahms's violin concerto, if only for some authentic Brahms; but no, he played Beatheven's.

Schoenberg orchestrated the plans quartet in 1937 as an act of homage, in the hope of add-ing a fifth Brahms symphony to the repertory. It is not quite that: the Brahms of 1861 was still working his way to symstill working his way to sympheny via chamber music, and the G minor piano quartet is excellent music for the drawing-room party, not a big public statement about music, Schoenberg's transcription points to the difference. The finale is almost pure Hungarian Dance, in this version scored accordin this version scored accord-ingly, with plentiful sparkle, and something like a field-day for a large percussion section. The Intermezzo second move-

ment goes attractively too on symphony orchestra, but in a lighter yein than Brohms was to adopt in his symphonies. I tor was believe. So with the other told the movements: orchestral treat-gremme.

ment, even with Schoenberg's heavy brass writing and triple woodwind, conveys an earlyish Brahms, hardly concerned with symphonic topics. Mr Pritchard's spirited, gracious interpre-tation, played with real zest, made a potent case for Schoenberg's version, It should certainly be played more fre-Kagel's work, entitled l'aria-

quently. tions without Fugue for large orchestra on the Variations and Fugue on a Theme by Randel for piano, opus 24, by Johannes Brohms, was commissioned by the city of Hamburg, where the older composer was born. The main linear features of Erahms's variations, and their rhythms, are preserved, the harmony usually pointillistically expanded, the orchestral textures not remotely suggestive of

Kaget's most personal contribution was to alter the order of the selected variations (carefully designed by Brahms as a large musical structure) and reconnect them with linking passages for a quartet of strings separately disposed. The results, especially for those closely familiar with the original are interesting and spirited as Kagel's music usually is, but not truly absorbing. A pleasant touch occurs at the end when Handel's theme is heard on harpsichord against orchestral harmony. Alas the amplification of the instrument was not working and the thome was barely audible. The conductor was properly unset, as he told the audience after the pro-

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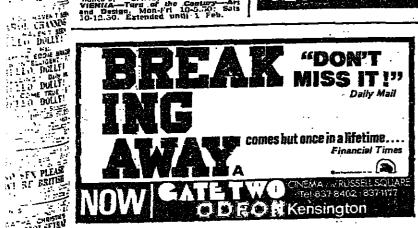
Celebrating its first quarter century this year, Boulez's Le-marteau sans maure is no longer a mysterious casket triple-locked against understanding. Musicologists are beginning at last to unravel the labyrinthine processes of its construction, and with every performance it grows less fearsome, richer in meanings and wider in expres-sive range, for as the style loses its strangeness so the sense becomes more apparent. The work is taking ownership in our minds of its long-promised classic status, as witness the extraordinary number of study scores that fluttered to attention as Tuesday's per-

formers took the stage. Sarah Walker and the Nash Ensemble approached the composition as a quite normal piece of vocal chamber music, as normal as the Quatre poemes hindous by Maurice Delage which had come earlier on the programme. Of course Miss Walker toned down the voluptuousness she had rightly adopted for the earlier work, but she kept an ample breath of phrasing to contend nicely with her steely tone. Of course, too, the conductor Lionel Friend was faced with many more prob-lems in the Boulez, but he and

his players made the music utterly natural and, as a result. pewerfully meaningful.

I have never before heard a performance which brought out so much of the density of crossreference within Bouler's score, and for that the instrumentalists deserve high praise for theroughly feeling their parts, for being alive to their importance within the rapidly shifting tex-tures, and for matching their playing so skilfully. Another striking feature here was the abundance of picturesque de-tail they provided in what is often regarded as an austere, non-illustrative work. For example, flute, guitar and viola irresistibly suggested the dry waves of a dead sea as they raced and gathered in the fifth movement, and in the sixth there were aching glimpses of a world where time has stopped.

Apart from the Delage, the first part of the concert in-cluded Ravel's Introduction and Allegro, a Nash Ensemble party piece which seems unfortunately accident-prone, and also Gordon Crosse's Wildboy. Suggested by the Truffaur film L'enfaur Sauvage, this was written for the Nash a couple of years ago and makes an attractive enough showpiece for their clarinettist Autony Pay, pitted against cymbalom and septet Since Crosse disclaims any narrative inten-tion, it seemed perverse of Mr Pay to dress himself in T-shirt and jeans.



Mentioned in Dispatches BBC 2

Stanley Reynolds Tim Page, the subject of Arena

last night on BBC 2, hitchhiked last night on BBC 2, hitchhiked to the war in Vietnam. Just a teenager, not even a professional photographer, he left a note for his parents in Orpington ton and made his way across Europe, India, Laos and, finally, into Vietnam. He became a war photographer for Time Life just because he had a camera and was there. That was 1966. He stayed until 1969 when he was so badly wounded that he was tagged "Dead On Arrival". was tagged " Dead On Arrival". Page was wounded four times, each time worse than the last. He became a legend among the other reporters: the amazing English teenager who had thumbed a lift to the war.

Page's crazy fearlessness was mentioned—more than just mentioned—in Michael Herr's book Dispatches, which is the best book to come out of Vietnam. Doing voice over film, victim, but on
Kenneth Nelson, an American identify with me
actor read excerpts from Dispatches in a slow, deep-toned People of Dorset.

voice which was full of understated bravery, the sort of voice you imagined Ernest Heming-way had. And on the screen about Maida Vale on a bright and beautiful day, going down to Dorset on an assignment for Rolling Stone magazine to photograph the Boat People at a disused RAF base.

The Boat People in Dorset, being a part of the state of the state

he said, were pimps, the sort of people who took "GIs bome on motorbikes".

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Along with his legs, Page's chest and stomach are scarred, and he has shraonel inside his head. It pierced his forehead. That was when he was marked "Dead On Arrival". He lives in Los Angeles and his cereer is doing fine, but the man, 10 years on, now still only 30, is obviously one of the walking wounded. He takes a handful of painkillers each morning, and his talk is full of bitter, gallows humour. Because of his fearlessness, he was known as fearlessness, he was known as "a stone cold freak" in Viername. On Arena last night he was obviously both mentally and physically injured, quivering between bitter jokes, not stone cold. A very unusual victim, but one we could identify with more than with identify with more than with these inscrutable, smiling Boat

The actor turned director

Before the Party Oxford Playhouse

Ned Chaillet When actors first turn to direct-

ing it can be a sign of maturity, or simply rash. This season has seen a well-received directorial debut by Peter Egan and will see Sheila Hancock's return to the craft. Before the Party, a play by Rodney Ackland by way of a short story by Somerset Maughan, marks Tom Conn's British debut as a director and the qualities one might expect, particularly a generosity to the performers, are there, but the qualities one might hope to see, including inventiveness, are hard-pressed to raise even the slightest indication in Mr Ackland's jaundiced play. director and the qualities one

What does a suburban family do in 1949 when they believe their daughter to be a mur-derer? Of course the knives can beter: Of course the wall as a practical measure, but what might happen to the father's chances of standing for Parliament if the word leaks out.

Make no mistake, Mr Ackland has a wry time amusing himself in that area where respectability is more important than morality. The priggish elder sister of the supposed murderess makes it clear that things in post-war Surrey are not the same as things in West Africa, or as in war-time Yugo-slavia, but the pubescent youn-ger sister is "terribly worried about Christianity".

All that area of satire has since been ploughed with zanier tools than Mr Ackland had to tools than Mr Ackland had to hand in 1949 and the fact that a few lines lift wonderfully from the stage speaks well for Mr Conti's work with his company. Acting is not always enough, and is not always equal to Jane Asher's central performance, which moves smoothly between which moves smoothly between farce and melodrama, but he has drawn an intensely accurate performance from young Jayne Torman, as the little sister, that suggests he has the touch of a good director, Michael Gough's assurance as the father is more predictable.

There are other areas that suggest Mr Conti has lessons to earn. His actors stand too evenly spaced across the stage too often, and the equal emphasis on each character is not necessarily good for the interest of the drama.

Some of the reviews on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions



Timothy West as Beecham

Beecham

Apollo Irving Wardle

I doubt whether we should be seeing this Salisbury Playhouse production in London were it not an occasion for Timothy West to display a new acquisi-tion to his gallery of famous national characters.

The West collection, from Wilde to Churchill, are a diverse crowd, but what they have in common is an existance in the popular imagination quite independent of historical context. Whatever they said or did at the time, they live on simply as characters. Thomas Beecham is a natural recruit to this company: a clown classicist known to thousands who might expect to go ball-room daucing to Richard Strauss or put down known as a cuddly put down Koanga as a cuddly

Caryl Brahms and Ned Sherrin have supplied the material

Pick Up Company Riverside

John Percival

If all experimental dancers were as talented, pleasant and entertaining as David Gordon account of the origin of papal and Valda Setterfield, how audiences, while David Gordon much more popular experimental dance would be. Some of us remember her as a gifted member of Mcree Cunning ham's company, but now she is company, but now she is so hilarious that you are in ham's company, but now she is so hilarious that you are in ham's company, but now she is so hilarious that you are in ham's company, but now she is so hilarious that you are in ham's company, but now she is so hilarious that you are in ham's company, but now she is so hilarious that you are in ham's company but now she is so hilarious that you are in the first ham had been a solo. The sound-track, while having the ham had been a solo. The sound-track, with its explanation of "pope dances a solo. The sound-track, with its explanation of pope dances a solo. The sound-track, with its explanation of pope dances a solo. The sound-track, with its explanation of pope dances a solo. The sound-track, with its explanation of pope dances a solo. The sound-track, with its explanation of pope dances a solo. The sound-track, with its explanation of pope dances a solo. The sound-track, with its explanation of pope dances a solo. The sound-track, with its explanation of pope dances a solo. The sound-track, with its explanation of "pope dances a solo. The sound-track, with its explanation of "pope dances a solo. The sound-track, with its explanation of "pope dances a solo. The sound-track, with its explanation of "pope dances a solo. The sound-track, with its explanation of "pope dances a solo. The sound-track, with its explanation of "pope dances a solo. The sound-track, with its explanation of "pope dances a solo. The sound-track, with its explanation of "pope dances a solo. The solution of "pope dances a solo. T appearing with her husband. He originality and casual elegance calls his company the Pick Up Company, describes it as "permanently remporary" and

for such a portrait; and the result is composed with Mr. West's usual scrupulous care, his knack for discovering individual mannerisms and building on them and his great skill for pointing jokes.
I only saw Beecham once but

it all seems there, from the jut-ting imperial beard and irritably working mouth, to the commanding articulation of the Gibbonesque phrases, and the separation of every syllable in favourite words like "extraordinary" and "remarkable" so that they seem to be conveying much higher praise than if he had been calling someone a genius. The conducting is a bit triff but if Ragcham himself stiff, but if Beecham himself had been on the Apollo stage facing a row of empty desks in Richard Marks's mock-up of the Albert Hall, his bear might have lacked some of its accustomed zest.

Patrick Garland's production is not a play but a contribution to the Beecham legend told mainly in the subject's own

ances in the Dance Umbrella

words. Mr West shares the stage with one other actor: the unfortunate Terry Wale, who begins as an adoring dogsbody narrator, and pops back into this role whenever his services are not required as an orchestral player, an accountant, an American caller or whatever other victim is required to suffer the blast of the great man's wit.

Consisting partly of gags gummed end to end and partly of deadpan biography, the text is rudimentary to a degree that defeats stagecraft and clear chronology. As you would ex-pect, there are plenty of good lines ("Try everything once, except incest and folk dancing"), but many that must have gladdened the hearts of orchestral players on a cold Monday morning fall decidedly flat when ripped out of context and given the "Wit and Wisdom" treatment. It would be good to hear what Beecham would have said about the dreadful quality of the show's sound reproduction.

don's recorded voice commentsuch dancers, who needs more?

Actually they do also have projected still photographs of David Vaughan as

Their opening duet, Close up. is highly affectionate (you could not perform it with a stranger), full of embraces and falls into or out of the other's arms. The pace is slow, inter-

of the dance. Company, describes it as "Studios on Tuesday was a sequ- with the sustained control of studios on Tuesday was a sequ- with the sustained control of ence of poses based on a collectioning, ensure that this piece tion of photographs; you do not is always unmistakably a real will. For their British appear- see the pictures, but hear Gor- dance.

rupted every now and again by poses during which enlarged photographs of what they are doing are projected on the screen behind them. But the conscious shaping of bodies and Setterfield's solo at Riverside of the spaces between them,

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FROM SUNDAYAT SELECTED LONDON SUBURBAN THEATRES.

OTTO PREMINGER BRINGS TO THE SCREEN GRAHAM GREENE'S MASTERPIECE

Last week, Mr Edward Heath to Pakistan", the security of the West delivered a speech on Europe that is seniously endangered by the Soviet was relevant to the present interpolitically tensions. courageous in its implications, and in many ways sad. The courage and the sadness lay in the clear if tacit admission throughout that the European Community, as it now is, is not the body that he had expected it to be, for clearly he must have expected it to be (or become) something very different from his present description of it-otherwise, he would not have taken us so confidently into member-

Nobody could dissent from the statement which was Mr Heath's point of departure. "Every major world problem shows up Europe's disunity and inaction when its vital interests are threatened". This has been true from the moment when the Community found itself unable to unite in face of the first oil crisis, after the Six Days War, to their failure to respond as an entity to subsequent crises in the Middle East, and their inability to unite to tackle the present phase of oil price rises, which, Mr Heath pointed out, means that our eight partners have to pay over 17,000m more to import the same quantities of oil now as one year ago. Eut Mr Heath's logic is shaky when he invites us to think that £17,000m shared between eight countries, most of which are more prosperous than ourselves, "dwarfs" the net deficit of over £1.000m which has to be paid to the EEC by a Britain, which is one of least prosperous members and is gripped by acute financial sick-

Again, to quote Mr Heath, a political instability has mounted in the vital area stretching from Turkey

invasion of Afghanistan—and yet "the Community has failed to take a single initiative commensurate in scope" with these problems. Instead, observed Mr Hearn contemptuously. Europe's leaders have been "grip-ped" by the internal questions of ped" by the internal questions of lamb carcasses, fishing rights and Britain's budgetary problem, "while the world has slipped into mounting

chaos around them."

Yet if we are honest with ourselves, what solid evidence did we ever have, even in the greatest days of the Community, that it would be other-wise when the ordeal came? Some of us who were sceptical about the economic benefits we should derive from the "cold douche" of com-petition (it has actually helped to give us economic pneumonia) hoped that the Community might slowly develop some degree of common political identity that would assist the stability of the West Believing that as the British establishment had determined to go in, and that there-fore we had no real option, my own hopes rested much more on the possibility that the Community could lead gradually towards some sort of political defence unity—but it was never more than a doubtful hope, particularly bearing in mind France's persistent history of parrow selfinterest in its approach to every question affecting the EEC.

At all events, it seemed that, if there were to be benefits that eventually made worthwhile the high price we should have to pay for entry, they should be looked for more in the area of political cooperation than from the financial and industrial planning of Brussels virtually admitted, any such hopes (and they were never built on solid ground) of greater unity have been largely shattered.

We now see the Community much more plainly for what it is—namely a bilateral politico-economic axis between France and Germany on all essential matters, round which revolve, for their own protection and convenience, the lesser states on the mainland of Europe. We ourselves remain in uneasy tension, unable to determine, as we contemplate with annoyance the cost of membership, whether we should turn our affections firmly back across the Atlantic, or our charms across the Channel. (There is no doubt where

Yet there is a curious sense in which mainland Europe has subconsciously achieved a certain unspoken unity in face of Russia's occupation of Afghanistan. It is a unity consisting in a certain psychological disengagement from the more forthright expressions of American determination in the Middle East. It reflects the fact that Europe, and especially Germany, has most to lose by the ending of detente. It is an attitude that dovetails with the clear implication in the new phase of American foreign policy that the defence of the Persian Gulf now has virtually equal priority, in Washing-ton's calculations, with the defence of

But of course, this is a risky as well as a negative kind of European "unity", and Mr Heath is right to remind us that since American and European interests cannot always coincide as closely as they did, Europe should participate more in its

that Europe can play a special part, with its diplomacy and technology, in settling the Graeco-Turkish tension in the Agean, and the conflict between Israel and the PLO. That is surely piscing on the EEC a burden that it

is psychologically unable to bear. No doubt it would be sensible if European heads of government could now confer about where Europe stands politically. And Mr Heath is right to brush aside (as he did this week in Parliament) empty gestures against Russia.

But to go on from this to imply that Europe (if it would only pull itself together) has such a political role as ought to make us ashamed about being so insistent over our £1,000m is both unrealistic and illogical. Mr Heath's approach is also found in the Foreign Office, where there is a disposition to ask rhetorically whether the £1,000m is

really so very important, bearing in mind the larger and wider concept of Europe that is at risk.
Well, on Mr Heath's own analysis.

that concept is not worth much just now, and there is no evidence that we could buy that sort of unity with our £1,000m or that (if we could) it would be a small price to pay. The fact is that the £1,000m (effectively now nearer £1.300m before deduction of the promised £350m concession) is going to be a substantial factor in the arithmetic of Sir Geoffrey Howe's coming budget because of its impact on the balance of payments. It is going to make our financial

problem much worse.

Mrs Thatcher can accept the Mrs £350m £350m (plus whatever is granted extra) tobether with a promise that

own defence. I doubt, however, the long-term problem will be looked whether he is realistic to say also at, which means very little. Or she at, which means very little. Or she could disrupt the Community's dayto-day work, which will settle nothing. Or, she could withhold such proportion of Britain's contributions as is necessary, after allowing for receipts, to obliterate most of the £1,000m plus until a permanent settlement is reached.

This will horrify the most dedicated pro-Europeans in Britain, and one must not under-rate the influence of Lord Carrington in persuading Mrs Thatcher against such undiplomaric responses. But the truth is that if we subordinate our own economy and budget to the rules of Europe it will do nothing to buy the united European foreign policy Mr Heath wants, or that many more of us would like to see if it were possible

The Europe which Mr Heath knew and loved when he took us into it had grown up in circumstances of economic growth and post-war reconstruction which bad given it great achievement without any serious political test. To put is another way, we bought this particular share at the top of its market, and we compare like with unlike if even implicatly we compare the Europe that now is with the Europe of 1970.

We shall get neither our own way over the £1,000m nor a concerted European policy simply by talking nicely to the French, and we should be very foolish to sacrifice our own interests again on the altar of European hopes which we have never had any warrant for believing would turn

Mr Scargill and the steel strike



Why the unions must fight on

If Arthur Scargill was dis-covered picking daisies, observed a steel union official yesterday someone would accuse him of steeling flowers. It was a typical enough response in the Labour movement to the latest outbreak of Barnsley-watching

But the militant president of the Yorkshire miners is unrepennant about his appeal to seselworkers to listen to their union rather than Lord Denning In an interview with The Times he dismissed as "absolute rubbish" allegations that he is seeking martyrdom at the hands of the court of

appeal.

Mr Scargill, lauded by many trade unionists as a guru and feared by other people as the greatest threar to society as we know it, told why he is now embroiled in the steel dispute.

"The steelworkers union made an official approach to

the NUM Yorkshire area around Christmas. They asked for financial assistance and for advice on tactics of organizing a strike and picketing. We met them in exactly the same way as we would any other union. We put at their disposal our picketing maps and our organizational logbook which gave a clear outline of how we ran our strikes in 1972 and 1974. They found this very helpful. We gave them a financial donation because they gave us cash in both our strikes. And we agreed to attend their mass

we agreed to attend their mass meeting in Sheffield."
Returning to his celebrated "incidement?" to dety the law, Mr Scargill said: "I responded to questions put by press and BBC radio. I said the decision of Lord Denning was deplorable. I based that on recent appeal court indements which appeal court judgments which I feel have been anti-trade union, some of which have been overturned by the House-of Lords. I said I hoped it

vuld be ienored. "At the time I made that statement the situation was clearcut. The ISTC was calling an official strike in the private sector. My statement was no different from theirs. People on strike had a choice. They on strike that a choice. They either adhered to their union's instruction or they accepted the court ruling which took away what trade unionists have regarded as a right since 1906. I don't regret making that statement. It was a reasonable statement. We have accepted the ISTC decision to call off the

strike. The blacking of steel by the NUM in Yorkshire is now lifted."

The miners leader argues that it should come as no sur-prise to see the NUM actively supporting the steelworkers.
"A section of our industry depends very much on steel.
Our industries are directly
interconnected. If the steelworkers are able to win this on closures, it will safeguard their jobs and ours. But if they lose, the massive closure pro-gramme goes ahead. The impact could be quite devastating economically and politically."

Mr Scargill thinks the Employment Bill now going through Parliament could be "devastating" even though its effects were not as wide ranging as the implications of the Denning decision. "Even so, the legislation will render the trade union movement impotent in disputes—if it is accepted. In the final analysis the unions have a choice: do we accept law as it stands, and be completely impotent, or do we fight in the way we have always done, and that is strike and picket in the normal way? My view is that the unious have an

of their members." In his Barnsley redoubt Mr. Scargill is evidently genuinely dismayed at what he regards as "more than my fair share of adverse publicity".

obligation to fight on behalf

"The reaction to my remarks is tantamount to saying that one must never speak against laws that are oppressive, antidemocratic or against basic freedoms. People who condemn me applaud Sakharov for his stand against Soviet law. I support Sakharov. I don't agree with the Soviet Union. But it seems hypocritical to me to appland his stand and those who oppose the law in the USSR but say in this country we must in all circu accept the law. The judgment of Lord Denning and the appeal court strikes at the very heart of democracy, human rights and basic freedom. If this judgment stands, and is accepted it means that man in future will be denied the right he has had certainly since the beginning of this century to approach his fellow worker and ask him for support. To take away that right could well lead us towards a totalitarian state."

Labour Editor

Bernard Levin

This inexcusable crime in Forbidden City

a month or two before the apologias for the Soviet Union's treatment of Dr Sakharov started to appear, but I reclioned without Mr E. P. Thompson, whose letter in yesterday's Times took the now fashionable line, where com-munist atrocities are concerned, of claiming that they are really .. menacing actions in the West directly encouraged the menacing actions of the Soviet Union and thus contributed to Dr Sakharov's present exile . . . plays directly into the hands of Soviet ideologues. ") the fault of the Nato alliance in general and the Americans and British in particular. Mr Thompson painted Dr Sakharov as a kind of fellow-travelling member of CND, and ended as shoddy an argument as I have read for some years by claiming that those who are in favour of a western nuclear deterrent, and particularly of keeping it in a state of modern readiness, have no right to express admiration for Dr Sakharov. Instead, they should "keep a guilty silence", leaving his defence to those voted against the Government's decision (not officially opposed decision (nor output)
by the Opposition) to modernize
the present generation of cruise
missiles, since only those who
did so have "any moral
that they are
among those who bear all
among those who bear all
chings for righteousness' sake, Frank Allaun, Mr Martin Flan-nery, Miss Joan Maynard. Mr Ian Mikardo, and a good many

in the defence of someone being in recuted by the Soviet sthorities is grotesque. Anyway, we now know what the line is to be; we are all guilty, and only those who condemn the West are to be allowed For my part, I decline Mr

The TUC distinguishes, as reported yesterday, between community policing, of which it approves, and the Special

Parrol Group, which it criticises and has asked the Home Secre-tary, Mr Whitelaw, to disband.

But 10 years ago, a "cry for help", as it would be known

in penal reform circles, from

is sometimes loosely described as "the policeman's trade

seminar about the very subject that is now causing concern,

anticipating that, unless some-thing was done, the precious relationship between the police

and British public could be jeopardised. That relationship

is born of a tradition of self-policing (and thus self-control)

people in Britain that goes

In June 1971 it organized a

union".

Police Federation went

Thompson's instructions to "keep a guilty silence", and shall today add my voice to those who have seen the exile of Dr Sakharov for what it is: an mexcusable crime.

First, however, it must be said that if the Soviet authorities imagine they will silence this brave and noble man, and his no less brave and noble wife, by confining Dr Sak-harov to a Forbidden City, they must be as foolish as they are vile, which would make them very foolish indeed. The time has long since gone by when the Soviet Union could be sealed completely against either the infection of freedom getting in or news of the effect of that infection getting out; there are certainly men and women in Gorky who admire and agree with Dr Sakharov, and who will make it their business to see that his words will get to the West, and that news of the cruelties and injus-tices practised throughout his

native land will get to him. His wife, back in Moscow, has already begun to convey his even when the Soviet authorities silence her, too, there will be things for righteousness' sake, and they will be happier in the knowledge that their cause is just than will their persacutors in their realization that

of the others who joined them in the No lobby on that occa-sion, having "moral authority" they are doing great wrong. The next thing that needs to be said about Dr Sakharov's exile is that it will bring something else, also at present largely lacking, to the West, which is an access of realism. Indeed, it is not wholly impossible (though I agree it is very unlikely) that the action of the Soviet authorities may even get



Dr Andrei Sakharov and bis wife before his exile

Nothing could better exemplify the rot that has for so long been eating away the timbers of our Western bouse than the astonishment and pain displayed by President Carter at the invasion of Afghanistan; he really did believe, it seems, that although the Soviet Union is a cruel and oppressive society, it was one whose leaders talked the same political and moral language as we do, and his abrupt discovery that this belief was wholly without foundation, though it potentially effective action on the President's part, revealed an alarming willingness to believe the best of men who have no best. Dr Sakharov has been telling the truth in Moscow for many unimaginably courageous years, and has been largely ignored in the pursuit of a wholly imaginary "détente". Now that there is

some sense into the heads of Lord Killanin, Lord Exerciand Sir Denis Follows.

as the Helsinki Agreement, per-haps his words from Gorky will be heeded rather more than his words from Moscow.

So much for us. Now for them. The moral and political bankruptcy, rottenness and despair that characterizes the Soviet Union and her leadership have not been so dramatically and brightly illuminated since the expulsion of Alexander Solzheniusyn from the Soviet Union for exactly the same reason as that which motivated the exiling of Dr Sakharov. terminal stages, literally does not know how to cope with courage, honour end the truth, for it is a system long since purged of those qualities and living on fear, baseness and lies. Once, of course, a Solzhenitsyn or a Sakharov would have simply been murdered in a cellar, possibly being given a show trial before suffering that fate, and it is still possible to hear people in the West argu-

even less excuse than before minations of the Stalin era no set by such aspects of détente longer take place, the present

when they cannot be condoned, and lied about when they cannot be ignored. I have no doubt at all that within a year of Dr Saldnarov's arrival in Gorky the BBC will once again be showing relevision programmes portraying the Soviet Union as a land of smiling workers, beautiful scenery and leaders anxious for peace and friend-ship; but even the BBC will have to allow such an interval first, if only out of prudence. But in that interval, we can learn something, and perhaps a lew of us can even learn

consists of humane and decent

men. The jails and concentra-tion camps, the madhouse-

prisons, the torture, the per-

secution of anyone who dares

to oppose their rule in the

name of anything else, for that matter, including a decent standard of living)—all these are widely condoned, ignored

of freedom (or in the

it so thoroughly that we will not thereafter forget it. It is that Andrei Sakharov has been sent into exile in the great and enduring land that he was born in, and that has been stolen from its people by tyrants and criminals, because the Soviet leaders could think of nothing else they dared to do to stop that heroic mouth. They dared not have the they dared not put them on trial; they dared not imprison them without trial; and above all they dared not go on allow-ing them to stain the grime of Soviet society with the snow of their devotion to the truth.

Of course they will be relying on the moral torpor of the

West to ensure not only that to be interesting to us, but that the less well-known resisters for denying the reality of what store the Soviet Union's leaders will now be ignored even more completely. The psychiatrist Dr Semyon Gluzman is still in a concentration camp for resist-ing the perversion of his profession for political ends, and Ida Nudel is in a remote area of the country for expressing a wish to leave the country altogether; and the thousands upon thousands who suffer persecution, imprisonment and death for their faith in freedom or in God, and who are less well-known even than those, will sink even more deeply into the night of Soviet tyranny. That is why Dr Sakharov was exiled not only because he told the truth, but also because he provided a focus for the unsteady, weak and fluctuating light of freedom shone upon Soviet crimes from outside. The Soviet leaders count upon that Western light being even fur-ther dimmed now; and I am sure they count correctly. But before the lights go down

let us cling to the truth that this exile proclaims. More: let us resolve to proclaim it ourselves, loudly and often-so loudly and so often, indeed, that it will even get through the skulls of some of those who are still claiming that the Soviet Union is a country fit to take her place in the comity of nations, that détente is a worthy and even a meaningful concept in the mouths of Soviet leaders, that théir system has something to teach us about how to live and organize ourselves. "I refute it", said Dr Johnson, kicking the stone, "thus". The Soviet leaders have refuted those claims by kicking from their midst a mighty boulder of truth and freedom because, and only because, truth and freedom cannot be permitted in their country, since if those qualities should breed and spread they would destroy the Soviet system © Times Newspapers Ltd, 1980

Paul Routledge

A Home Office civil servant, Mr Tom Critchley, who is also an outstanding historian of the police, gave a far-sighted warnwhich was about "the develop-ing role of the police in a

changing society".

He said:—

"For years we, in this coun-

could lead to something not

tremendous, and the standard of performances and exhibits is high; but doubts remain as to

whether the festival will make the impact hoped for by many

Despite the multitude of events, most Londoners, even

those attending artistic events

over the next six weeks, will have little or no contact with anything to do with Ireland. The scale of arts and entertain-

ment in London is just so large that no such festival can

But even if A Sense of Ireland

has little impact on British

attitudes, there will still be gains. Colm O Briain, director

of the Irish Arts Council, said

the biggest achievement would simply be the staging of such a cultural exposicion. "It will be a reward of self-confidence."

of the organizers.

blanket every area.

try, have enjoyed a uniquely mild form of policing. There are changes now taking place in the police system and there are changes taking place in society. The conjunction of these two is in danger of threatening the mildness of the system and indeed the whole ethos of policing. I think they are threatening in a way that

adjust our police and (less hopefully) our society".

The police have sought to adjust. Police chiefs first in

England, have introduced community policing and been criticised, wrongly, for speaking up about the need for it. A quiet pioneer in Scotland was Sir David McNee, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, formerly Chief Constable of Strathclyde But the police also have to

respond to events. Unless they mistakenly become political, they cannot influence them very much. Society has become

very far short of a breakdown in our traditional system, unless we recognize the nature of the system and adjust our police and (less hopefully) our society".

The police are perfect or that on occasions criticism is not deserved. But criticism is not deserved. But criticism is misplaced if it fails to distinguish between symptoms and causes. The Special Patrol Group came into being, according to the police, because of events and partly because of a short-age of manpower to deal with age of manpower to deal them. It was formed in 1965 as a mobile reserve available to assist divisional police in London's Metropolitan Police area where, and whenever,

required.
Scotland Yard says its primary function is to provide saturation policing in ereas where crime is rife. The group

How the Special Patrol Group was born reserve for demonstrations and disturbances, major incidents, large-scale searches or enquiries and road blocks.

The SPG can be called on for duty outside the Metropolitan District, if requested by a local chief constable. Such requests are received on average two or three times a year.
There are six SPG units under

the control of a chief superin-tendent. Each unit has an inspector in charge, three sergeants and 29 constables (including at least one woman). The units are based strategically throughout the Metropolitan Police District. Each has three personnel carriers capable of seating 12 people and a car for

eWhy don't we say it's a

All SPG vehicles are in radio All SP4 venicies are in raceo contact with the information room at Scotland Yard, where emergency calls are dealt with. In addition, the SPG has an independent radio network which can be controlled anywhere in the Metropolitan area

from group headquarters.
All SPG officers are volumteers, drawn from police stations throughout the Metro-politan Police District, and will have completed the two year probationary period. More than 80 per cent of SPG officers are trained to use firearms. That is a much higher proportion than general in the uniform branch, the Yard says.
Only SPG officers wearing uniform are issued with guns and, as less than 25 per cent

of the group are in uniform in normal circumstances, it follows that most of those should be authorized to use firearms. SPG officers receive the same training (including firearms training) as all other members

of the uniform branch. "But

group officers are well used to

working together as a ream and are in general mature, experi-enced policemen", the Yard Incidents at which the group has assisted include air disasters, major flooding, sieges involving armed terrorists or criminals and high risk escorts, as well as demonstrations and

disturbances. Its expertise is often used during protracted searches for bodies, murder weapons or

missing persons. The SPG is also used on all marches, trade disputes and festivals where serious public disorder is anticipated.

The Yard adds: "It may be remembered, however, that the central task of the SPG is routine patrolling on foot and in vehicles in areas where street ... ism have reached a high level. Such is the success of the group in this role that each year up to 4,000 arrests (mainly for crime) are made by SPG men.

Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent The Police in Society. Proceedings of the Police Federation seminar on "the developing role of the police in a changing society" was published by the Police Federation, 15-17 Langley Road, Surbiton, Surrey at 65p

IRISH ARTS DIARY

A show of Irish confidence

by people in Britain back to Saxon times.

When the festival A Sense of Ireland is launched in London next week, it will present the greatest effort ever made by Ireland to demonstrate its culture to another country. All sorts of motives are involved, but it is primarily an attempt to bring home to the British that Irish arts are flourishing -as part of a society which has developed in ways imperfeetly understood in Britain. It is an independent project, but its importance to the Irish government is such that the Department of Foreign Affairs has given grants of £190,000, which is more than double its spending on all cultural promotion last year. Nevertheless Northern Ireland is fully involved, both officially and artistically.

A Life for London

Judging from what I have Cyril Cusack, who opens at but it is not in seen in Dublin, the enthusiasm the Old Vic next week in the What we are do in the Irish arts world is Abbey Theatre production of is what matters."

Hugh Leonard's play A Life, seems unconcerned at missing chance to play the same role on Broadway.

Mr Leonard's previous play Da was a Broadway success, although it attracted little interest in Britain, and an American impresario wanted to take A Life to New York in March. But Cyril Cusack is already committed to Holly-mood wood.

Anyway, he said. "I would far rather see A Life favoured in London than see it open on Broadway."

While there are regrets in Dublin that Mr Leonard's plays have never been hits in London, this does not necessarily repre-sent the old attitude that an Irish iday must succeed in London before it can be accepted as truly worthwhile.

Joe Dowling, artistic director of the Abbey, said: "It's absolutely irrelevant if A Life succeeds in London. Obviously we hope it will be successful, but it is not important to us. What we are doing in Dublin

Irish fiddlers everywhere

In its concerts of traditional music, the festival presents probably the greatest gathering of Irish traditional musicians ever seen outside the country, but the importance of such music in Ireland is demonstra-ted by the way in which it permeates other areas of the permeates other areas of the festival, forming a part of literary readings, theatre performances and exhibitions.

It is typical that the first full-length work by the Irish Ballet Company, The Playboy of the Western World, should be a folk hallet to music be a folk ballet to music When it is presented at Sadler's Wells next month, the Chieftains will be playing. "It

does not work without a band", said Paddy Moloney, the leader of the group.
One reason is that the music is slightly different each night. "The changes put a bit of a spark in it", he said. "The dancers respond to the changes, but you have to be careful—you can get carried away."



Attacking the stereotypes

This is supposedly an arts diary, and A Sense of Ireland is supposedly an arts festival, but an important series of events look at Irish society in several, describing the changes in the south and the way in which it differs from the stereotyped image of a poor, backward, rural community.

Opening at the ICA on February 7, the exhibition No Country for Old Men is really a sociological thesis, presented by three lecturers from Trinity College, Dub'in. They arelyse the importance of the south's economic success, its growing urbanization, and, especially, the fact that half the population is now aged under 25.

This should be more fun than it might sound: they present their ideas with the help of music, video and a 64 foot long at the ICA

to many accepted views of Irish English, although he has lived history. With an impressive in Dublin for some years. roster of speakers, including politicians from north and south, it will also examine contemporary issues. The orginizers expect the series to generate plenty of intellectual conflict; they hope it will not degenerate into a shouting match.

The whole festival, nearly 100 events in 45 venues, sprang from a suggestion by a young trishman, Martin Armstrong, working as a temporary usher at the Institute of Contemporary Arts. At a staff meeting he suggested they held an Irish week; the idea was accepted and then it just grew and grew.

Stirring things wall of cartoons.

Also at the ICA a seminar are Irish or Northern Irish: series, The Future of a Dij-Nigel Rolfe, who has prepared ferent Past, offers a challenge the West of West exhibition, is

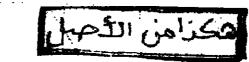
in Dublin for some years. He is best known for his performance art (he is represent-ing Dublin at the Paris Biennale this autumn) and will be per-forming during the festival at the ICA, creating a work with his body in a bed of flour six inches deep.

Currently he is trying to decide whether to do this naked. He has already performed naked in Ireland, German; and the United States, but is unsure what the ICA will think of the idea. idea, particularly after the fuss in 1976 about obscenity in a

performance there by Genesis P. Orridge. His exhibition West of West a different affair. "It's a is a different affair. "It's a kind of artist's view of source material", with 350 photographs of the many ancient monuments which still exist in

Ireland. Mr Rolfe added: "It's the first show for five years that I have been able to tell my mum about".

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THE HOUSE AT ITS BEST

Britain is now widely regarded as a somewhat introverted country preoccupied with its domestic strifes and failures and increasingly polarized in its politics. This makes it all the more encouraging that Monday night's debate on East-West relations in the Commons was mostly on a high level of awareness and responsibility and relatively free of party politics. A full reading of Hansard shows that a wide range of views emerged but were not divided by party allegiance. Nor were the divisions so wide as to be wholly unbridgeable, even within the Labour Party. Leaving aside a few frayed edges and stepping over a few cracks, British politicians showed themselves occupying a broader area of common ground than might have been expected in the face of such a serious crisis in foreign affairs, clearly open to different analysis. The tone of the debate was reasonably firm, despite dissent on particular some

Mrs Thatcher strongly and rightly emphasized the need to halt Soviet expansion but she did not advocate a complete break with past policies: "The business of East-West relations must go on. We have to live in the same world." Mr Callaghan broadly supported her diagnosis and her immediate response but looked farther ahead to economic and political initiatives designed to get the world's economic and monetary systems working better and to reduce tensions in the third world: We must be ready for discussions with the Soviet Union . . . about the prospect of reaching new understanding and constructing a new set of rules. . . . The Soviet Union must understand that to seek to follow the path

of détente in Europe, coupled with third world adventures

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is to be preserved. There is need for restraint by the super powers during social and economic change in the third world countries. There is need for the Soviet Union to join the North-South dialogue. There is a need for joint restraint in arms sup-plies to third world countries. There is a need to accept that dwindling energy resources will provide a growing source of tension." Both leaders present Both leaders present a firm opposition to Russian aggression while keeping open the possibility of better relations if Russian conduct changes.

Mr Heath parted company with the Covernment on the Olympics and on Mr Gromyko's visit, neither of which he wanted stopped, but his broad appeal for a re-thinking of western foreign policy towards a new and more credible strategy, and his emphasis on the needs of the third world, must have won a fair degree of consent from both sides of the House. Mr Enoch Powell launched off into more eccentric dissent with his argument that "we should not have reacted at all " but even he conveyed a reasonable warning against entering into commit-ments without the power to back them up.

It was on the left of the Labour Party that one might have expected the more serious body of dissent, and indeed there were some apologies for the Soviet Union. Mr Lamond said he did nor believe that the Soviet Union wanted to expand. He depicted the invasion of Afghanistan as essential" if the Amin regime was to be prevented from proceeding along the same lines as that of Pol Por in Kampuchea. He also argued that the United States, Great Britain, China and Pakistan had been financing, training and arming rebels against the Government of Afghanistan—presumably the Amin government of which he longer a realistic option if peace took no poor a view.

His was, however, one of the few attempts to mount a defence of the Soviet Union. On the whole the British left, like that of most western countries, has few remaining illusions about the Soviet Union. This is a significant change. It remains, however, wracked by guilt for the sins of

the west. As Mr Ernic Ross said, It is the height of hypocrisy for Nato and the Governments of the United States and the United Kingdom to cry out in protest against the violation of the territorial integrity of one state by another when history is littered with their illegitimate interventions in the affairs of nations in every part of the globe. Almost without exception the interventions have been to install by force reactionary and brutal regimes that have caused untold

miserv . . .

It is fair to be reminded that western powers do not have impeccable pasts though the left distort and exaggerate historic failings. Certainly the west must try to avoid returning to the days when it almost automatically gave excessive support to odious regimes for the sake of containing communism. As Mr Shore pointed out, corrupt, cruel and oppressive regimes are not relipartners. Nevertheless, security considerations cannot always be reconciled with moral preferences. Moreover, to allow the western response to Soviet moves to be weakened by feelings of guilt is curiously pointless. In the balance of aggression it is Leninism which has been "who", and the West which has

been "whom". The real issue, and the one which fortunately dominated the debate, is what instruments are most effective to prevent further Soviet moves of this sort. The value of the debate was that it combined support for a firm response with an array of ideas looking beyond the immediate and necessary responses of the Government so far.

INCHING TOWARDS A EUROPEAN COMPROMISE

Thatcher and Signor Mrs Francesco Cossiga, the Italian Prime Minister, has shown that there is still a long way to go to a solution of the crisis caused by Britain's unequal contributions to the budget of the European Community. But some progress has been made in the various talks that have been held since last year's Dublin summit, and pattern of a possible solution has been worked out. This would involve agreement to step up Community expenditure in Britain in a number of specific areas, such as the coal-mines, lding urban renewal, the steel industry, ship-building and Northern Ireland.

Spending of this sort, which would have to be tailor-made to apply only to Britain, would help to offset the fact that Britain gets so little from the common agricultural policy, which takes up some 75 per cent of the Community's budget. Added to the offer made in Dublin of a modified financial mechanism governing Britain's contribution to the budget, which is estimated to be worth £350m, it would reduce the net contribution, expected to be over £1,000m this year.

How much might be forthcoming under an arrangement of this of give-and-take that that implies. sort, and the terms on which it But it does not conceal the fact would be made, have still to be that Britain has a genuine griev-

a feeling, reflected in the comments of Mrs Thatcher and Signor Cossiga yesterday, that in the aftermath of the Soviet takeover of Afghanistan the members of the Community have more important issues to face, and that this is one dispute which should be got out of the way as soon as possible. It now seems unlikely that the next summit meeting of the Community, at which the issue of Britain's contributions is to be discussed again, will be brought forward to next month. But there is every reason to press for a solution when the meeting

March, as planned, or earlier in the month. Since the Dublin meeting, Mrs Thatcher has modified the manner in which she has presented the British case. She has laid less emphasis on the need for a broad balance" between what this country puts into the Community budget and what it gets out, and she has talked of reaching a "genuine compromise". The tactical change was obviously right. The other countries had to be persuaded that Britain really intended to act as a constructive member of the Community, with the element

is held, either at the end of

This week's meeting between negotiated. But there is clearly ance, which is primarily the result of the lop-sided nature of the Community budget, dominated by agriculture.

The point was recognized yesterday by Signor Cossiga when he spoke of the distortions caused by Community policies, and the need to eliminate them if other countries were not to have similar difficulties at some time in the future. Italy, in fact, has long felt that it did not receive all it should from Community policies, though it does not suffer in the same way as Britain, being a net gainer. What needs to be accepted is that, though Britain may have shortcomings of its own, it is suffering as a direct result of Community policies, and that Community policies are needed to put things right. It is clear that moves to reform the common agricultural policy, wasteful as it is, cannot be completed in a short period of time. But spending on the various areas proposed by Britain can be seen, not just as a way of righting the injustice of the present system, but as fully compatible with Community policies in a number of different sectors. A solution of the British crisis will not be an easy matter for the Community, but it is necessary so that attention can then be turned to the other issues confronting Europe.

DÉTENTE ON THE 38th PARALLEL With a new start in South Korea to other prominent political

assassination last October, it was to be expected that fresh approaches between north and south might be made. Had not President Carter urged some move on President Park when he visited him in Seoul in July last year? And given the frank talk on the subject that must have passed between the Americans and the Chinese, would the Chinese not now be telling their friends in Pyongyang that now would be a good time to test the ground; the seeds of cooperation might sprout. At all events, both sides have had reason to make a move or to respond to one from the other side.

In his inaugural speech in Seoul as acting President in December, Mr Choi Kyu Hah observed that the resumption of contacts between north and south was an urgent matter. A year before President Park had raised it but without any response from the north. But this time President Choi's appeal drew a barrage from the communist side. It began with a batch of letters handed over through the neutral nations commission supervisory Panmunjom. One was addressed to the Prime Minister in Seoul, ten more were to be passed on

Sticks and stones

From Mr W. T. McLeod

Ser, I was delighted to see in the

columns of today's Times (January

29) Bernard Levin's vigorous defence of sanity in the treatment

of derogatory terms in dictionaries of the English language. It is indeed alarming to contemplate the

prospect opened up by his question:

if we benish any recognition of the fact that the word "Jew" can be, and also sometimes is, used in an

following President Park's figures in the southern capital. That was followed by a proposal for joint teams to enter the forthcoming Olympics. Even the hot line from Pyongyang to Seoul was unexpectedly brought into use with an official sweetly urging a meeting soon where before nothing had been heard on the line but the "testing. testing" of the technicians. Now a meeting has been fixed at official level in Panmunjom next

Wednesday. If anything is to come of the meeting neither side can afford to be as rigid as it has been in the past when the talks broke down five years ago. At that time the north was insisting upon some kind of temporary federal structure being erected, an ostensibly temporary roof under which the rest of the building could be slowly built by agreement. This was to preempt the goal before any agreement had been reached: the south would have none of it. In their view it would be better to start at practical and humanitarian levels, enabling divided families to make contact, restarting postal services and the like. Another stumbling block was the north's insistence that its demand for the withdrawal of American troops from the south should be discussed with the Americans alone and not with the participation of the Seoul government.

From the exchanges thus far it may be deduced that both sides have some hope of the other being more tolerant than before. In the north Mr Kim Il Sung is not quite the dynamic figure that he was when the contacts between the two sides were first proposed carly in the seventies. His proposals then seemed almost to envisage that he would be able to preside in his lifetime over the reunited country. Moreover he has seen the economy of the south race past his own in productivity and world trade. He can hardly stand with the old confidence on his

political position. There should also be more flexibility in the south than there was under President Park's rigid anti-communism. But not the least grounds for hope of progress must be the pressure on each government from its powerful friends. Certainly the Americans and the Chinese, and, it may safely be assumed, the Russians would be happier if a meaningful dialogue could be set going so that the always dangerous tension at the 38th Parallel could be defused. When the north-south dialogue was first proposed no such great power unanimity existed.

offensive manner, where do we stop, short of "nigger" and "kike" and "pommy" and "kiney" and "yankee"? The obsardity is evident, and is perhaps aprly symbolized in the attitude of the American Negro air force sergeant stationed at a base in England who objected to the phrase " black ice " in weather forecasts on the grounds that to use "black" in this way to describe something unpleasant was deroga-

tory to the black nations of the world. His commanding officer appe rently agreed and decreed that the offending phrase be banished from

all weather forecasts circulated within his jurisdiction! Yours faithfully, W. T. McLEOD. Managing Editor, English Dictionaries, William Collins Publishers. Westerhill Road, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Amending the law on abortion

From Mr John Corrie, MP for Ayrshire, North and Bute (Conserva-

tive) Sir, I read with interest the sincere riews of the Bishop of Durham (January 30) but it would appear that he may not have read the Abortion (Amendment) Bill as closely as he might have. It should be read in conjunction with the existing Act.

tion under the 1967 Act depends on two doctors certifying that in their opinion formed in good faith the patient satisfies the criteria. This will remain the case if the Bill is enacted.

In fact the necessity for an abor-

Yours faithfully, JOHN CORRIE. House of Commons. January 30.

From Professor Glanville Williams, QC, FBA

Sir, The Bill to amend the law of tion will shortly come before the Commons on Report stage. If it is passed into law it will make the requirements for legal abortion more complicated and restrictive than they are now. In particular, the docinstead of considering as be does at present whether a continu-ance of the pregnancy would involve "risk of injury to . . . health ", will have to decide whether it would in-volve risk of " serious " injury—with the knowledge that he may be convicted in the Crown Court if he cannot convince a jury of the gen-uineness of his professional judg-

The effect is evidently intended to be that except in clear cases where serious injury is apprehended the doctor will refuse to operate. This rule is to be applied even to "menstrual extraction" within a month of pregnancy, which is a comparatively simple procedure and one that on a sensible view refuse no achieval. on a sensible view raises no ethical

The proposal must be considered against the background of the Abortion Act, 1967. This Act gave the law a measure of liberakity, but it confined legal abortions almost exclusively to medical grounds. The Act does not allow abortion because the woman has been raped, or is a schoolgirl under the age of consent (even if she is a girl of 12 made pregnant by her father, as has happened more than once). The Act does not allow the doctor to take account of the fact that the woman who wants an abortion has been con-victed of baby battering or child

It does not recognize any social grounds as such: for example, the fact that the woman is overburdened and living in poverty. It does not allow terminations on the ground that the child would be unwanted. the woman having used a method of contraception that failed on the particular occasion, nor even on the ground that the unwanted child would for various reasons be

unlikely to be adopted. These problems were debated during the passage of the Abortion Act. Some were regarded unsympathetically, but I have no doubt that a number of those who voted for the Act did so on the footing that some abortions not specifically provided for could be allowed by a health: indeed, the health ground was so worded as to allow social was so worded as to antiw social conditions to be taken indirectly (though only indirectly) into account. The compromise achieved under the 1967 Act may well be radically affected if the result of the proposed new measure is to confine medical abortions to strict medical grounds of a serious nature

For reasons of space I have not mentioned other objectionable features of the Bill, which taken as a whole runs counter to general opinion (including medical opinion) opinion (actioning interest opinion) in this country; and it is greatly to be hoped that even at this late stage it will be totally rejected.

Yours faithfully,

GLANVILLE WILLIAMS, Merrion Gate, Gazeley Road, Cambridge.

Economic decline From Professor T. C. Barker

Sir, It is reassuring to see eminent economists acknowledging in your columns the relevance of economic history to the debate about our present economic troubles. It is only fair to add, however, that some recent economic history does not place such emphasis on "the limited technical competence and extreme conservatism of British industrial management," before 1914 as Professor Lord Kaldor does (January 28).

He commends, inter alia, Professor David Lander's very ghoomy appraisal in Vol VI of the Conbridge Economic History of Europe, published in 1965. Professor Payne's summery of later, and much more favourable, opinion is, however, not mensioned by him. It will be found in Vol VII of the Cambridge Econ-omic History of Europe, published in 1978.

In any case, a country without protective tariffs which, during the first decade of this century, imported only about one minth the value of the unmulactures that it exported was, surely, still performing very competently; but the First World War, which disrupted existing world trading arrangements, was to have most serious consequences for the world's leading trading nation Yours faithfully,

T. C. BARKER London School of Economics, Houghton Street, WC2. January 29.

The price of gas From Mr D. Cole

Sir, The letter from Sir William MacEwan Younger (January 18) worries me a great deal more than

the rise in price of gas. We are told that the price needs to rise in order to conserve sup-plies. Why, then, is gas being both flared and exported? Is the Minister aware of this? And will be tell us what he is going to do about it? Sixteen million householders

Yours faithfully, D. COLE. 41 St John's Hill Grove, SW11.

January 25.

The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan

From Mr Vernon Bartlett

Sir, Very much good has come out of Russia's evil invasion of Afghanstan-condemnation by the United Nations, condemnation by the Mus-lim states, destruction of the propaganda value to Russia of the Olympic Games, an astonishing recovery in the United States of the sense of international responsibili-ties that should go with great mat-

May I suggest, however, that for two reasons the time has now come to control our righteous—some-times self-righteous—indignation. One reason is that the condemnation of Russia by the governments of the Third World has not neces-sarily obliterated their suspicions of the so-called Western Powers. The other reason is that we must never forget that detente is still our objective. And lest my emphaas a journalist nearly half a century ago, I was banned from Fascist Italy, banned from Nazi Germany, and was one of Pravda's earliest "Fascist Beasts". I am, Sir, Yours, etc.

VERNON BARTLETT, Middle Barn. Rimpton, Yeovil. Somerset. January 29.

From Mr Tom McKitterick Sir, The Afghanistan crisis is now month old. It was right to react sharply against a piece of aggression. But the stridency of the American and British response comes discordantly from countries whose own record includes Suez, Vietnam and Cambodia, to say nothing of Chile, Guatemala and other places where governments have been ousted less directly. It is significant that in Europe, and in the Middle East as Lord Carrington was told, the attitude has been much more cautious. Has not the time come to try to cool things? Or is that too much to ask of an American President in election year, or a British Prime Minister with other preoccu-pations? May I make six points? 1. Not so long ago. China was a potential enemy. It occupied Tibet, and the west fought against Chinese influence in Korea, Malaya and Indo-China. The leadership has changed, but it is still a communist country. Only a few months ago it invaded Vietnam, and supported the abominable Pol Pot regime in Cam-

2. How would the Americans have reacted if, in response to Guatemala or the Dominican Republic, the Russians had suddenly become close friends with Canada?

3. We protest, and rightly, against the exile of Sakharov. One of the new defenders of the free world, Pakistan, hanged its former Prime Minister and has fought three wars against its neighbour India.
4. The security of the Persian Gulf

and the Strait of Hormuz is not exclusively an American interest, but a world interest. The principal littoral state is Iran. The instability that has overtaken Iran and threatens other Middle Eastern countries derives not from pro-Russian sentiment but from anti-

Great Power sentiment, stimulated by American support for Israel as Lord Carrington was also told. The west must not overplay its hand. If the Middle East becomes a battleground, the first casualty will be the oil supplies. 5. That being so, would it not make

sense to divert to real development and explaination of new energy sources an adequate share of the effort and money now being spent, or to be spent, on a military build-up which could be disastrously counter-productive?

5. The west must not manocurre itself into a position it cannot get out of, nor must it force the Russians into a corner. A return to cold war is to nobody's advantage. Whether we like it or not, we have got to live with the Russians—or die with them. For the nuclear umbrella under which we have all had our advantages in the pact is had our adventures in the past is not infinitely elastic. Yours faithfully,

T. E. M. McKITTERICK. 142 Avelands. New Ash Green. Dartford, Kent. January 25.

From Mr John Mein Sir. The writer of your Diplomatic Diary (January 16) falls into the popular, and topical, trap of be-liering that "only one man escaped in the end to tell the tale" of the British retreat from Kabul in 1842. This myrb grew largely from Lady Butler's popular and dramatic painting of Dr Brydon riding into the town of Jallalabad, alone and exhausted. She called it The Remnants of an Army. Whereas the docyears, and forever on canvas at The Tate Gallery, another survivor, an Indian merchant named Baness accomplished the same feat but died soon afterwards. No history book records his stamina-or even his

In fact another 32 British survived the massacre and intense cold, which accounted for a death toll of over 15,000. This little band of fortunate survivors had been seized as hostages by the Afghans during the retreat, and held captive for nine months until released to the British in September 1842. Their release was much feted at the time, and one of them, my ancestor George Mein, was praised by Peel in the House of Commons for his bravery. Yours faithfully,

JOHN MEIN, Latimer House, Church Street, W4. January 17.

Boycotting the Olympics

From Mr Martin H. Prescott Sir, The letter from A. G. K. Brown in The Times today (January 29) evokes pleasant memories of a great athlete. It also prompts the suggestion that a clear distinction significant and a street the character of the character o attached to them during the past

half century.
So far as I can remember, the actual 1936 Olympic Games were conducted immaculately: no attempt was made to interfere with the incomparable Jesse Owens because of his colour, for instance. What was so appalling was the way in which Adolf Hitler succeeded in harnessing the Games to his chariot wheels. One remembers only too well the embarrassing speciacle of decent, non-political world athletes marching round the Munich Stadium and saluring the trium-phant Fubrer. Some of them. I believe, even used the Nazi salute as a gesture of courtesy: but not

the British team of course. If the democracies had boycotted the 1936 Games, they would have been spared that experience; but on the other hand the world would have missed the marvellous running of Jesse Owens (and others) and thar would have been a great loss. He would probably have remained relatively unknown outside America and not have become the inspira-tion to black athletes that he did.

The logic of this is that all teams, including the Americans, should take full part in the sporting events of the Games; but not in any of the propaganda exercises. In par-ticular they should absent them-

selves from the opening ceremony. If possible, medal winners should leave the rostrum as soon as they receive them; quietly and without clenched fists.

This, I believe, would bring home to the Russian people the condemnation of the invasion of Afghan-istan by world opinion; whereas an American boycott could be explained away quite easily by the Soviet propaganda machine.

Paradoxically this political act would have the effect of divorcing the Olympic Games from politics. Yours faithfully MARTIN PRESCOTT, 53 Pinehill Road,

Crowthorne, Berkshire. January 29.

From Mr Gordon Hardwick

Sir, With American participation in the Olympic Games doubtful and our own and that of many countries probable non starters, is there not great opportunity for us to introduce the world to one of our fine democratic institutions—the pools

People everywhere have a great need for "results" and surely an Olympic panel in possession of all relevant statistics in arhieric and sporting events for the past four years would be able to produce satisfactory results. We might have a fairer share of medals and with suitable arrangements national pride would be assuaged. Yours faithfully, GORDON HARDWICK.

34 Vicars Close. Enfield, Middlesex. January 26.

Loss of Vatican approval From the Reverend T. M. Conlan,

Sir, May I join your marathon on

the Küng episode? Your half page spread on Küng's

position and views (January 28) omits the main point, that it is not for his erratic opinion that the Vatican has taken action but for using his position as an official teacher of the Church to propagate them. "By the deprivation of the canonical commission Professor Kung loses his licence to teach Catholic theology in the name of the Church and as lecturer recognised by the Church." (Statement of the German Catholic Bishops, December 18, 1979.) A similar situation would arise if our Ambassador to the Kremlin were to back the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan; his credentials would be promptly withdrawn. It has taken the Vatican 13 years

to do this. The "fate" (your correspondent's word) that has overtaken him is hardly tragic. He must now, I take it, use another lecture room at Tübingen and note his new place on the syllabus and timetable. He can still research, teach and publish, and his salary presumably remains the same. He is not to be burnt at the stake, a "fate" I twitted him with 16 years ago at the Varican Council. But at least we now all know that his beliefs are not endorsed by the Church.

To draw a parallel with the Sakharov case, a parallel you un-

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accountably dignify with a headline, is plain silly. Sakharov enjoyed no mandate from the Kremlin. Yours faithfully,

THOMAS M. CONLAN, SJ. Pield Heath House, Uxbridge, Middlesex. January 29.

Reviving Civil Defence

From Mrs Helen A. Batty Sir, As one who for years lectured as a member of Civil Defence and WVS on the need for preparedness in the event of a nuclear attack, I was shocked when I learned of the naive winding-up of the Corps, as though Utopia had arrived. As a member of the Hertfordshire County Civil Defence Commit-

tee for a number of years, I was then horrified at the amount of public money used in the erection of many buildings for "Civil Defearce Training" which soon declined to being used as entertainment or other facilities.

Now that recent events have made Civil Defence training as a protective measure necessary, may one hope that this will be carried out in existing halls or buildings, even in private houses, so that unneces-sary public funds are not used to saturation point. Yours faithfully, HELEN A. BATTY, The Old Vicarage,

Thundridge, Ware, Hertfordshire,

An English grave in Naples

From Miss Catherine Morton

Sir, A tiny announcement by the municipality of Naples appeared in your issue of January 14, giving notice of the closure (and razing) of the Old Protestant Cemetery at Naples and the reinterment in a common grave of those buried there. the notice to take effect thirty days after publication.

One of the graves so menaced is that of Mary Somerville (1780-1872). the mathematician and physicist after whom Somerville College is named. Neither the College nor Mary Somerville's family was given separate (or earlier) warning of their intentions by the Neapolitan authorities, and the official announcement was of a size and obscurity as virtually to ensure that

it pass unobserved. When their attention had been drawn to it, both the Principal of Somerville College and the family of Mary Somerville wrote in protest to the British Consulate at Naples. Others with a like interest in the matter, as yet unaware of the threat, may wish to add their voices before it is too late. Yours faithfully.

CATHERINE E. MORTON. The Studio, Chaldon Herring,

January 27.

The police case

From Projessor R. A. B. Leaper Sir. All of us who live in this part of Devon will be amazed at the lack of information which Mr Alex Lyon apparently had at his disposal, when he made his ignorant attack on Mr John Alderson (report, January 26) for trying to get the police "to co the work of the social security and

housing departments".

Alderson's book on community policing has never proposed anything of the kind. The practical application of his ideas, in this area of Devon at any rate, encourages cooperative effort to prevent crime and to encourage positive community attitudes between all social agencies and local citizens. It has met with a great deal of success. This is no keep the police separate from the rest of society and, if possible, always see them in a bad light. Yours faithfully,

ROBERT A. B. LEAPER, Birchcote, New North Road, January 28.

Deaths in custody

From Dr Neil M. Maclean

Sir, I have been a police surgeon for 15 years and would like to sup-port Mr Jardine (January 17) on his views of police maltreatment of prisoners and deaths of prisoners in custody. As he says, the police follow detailed standing orders as regard to the care and custody of prisoners and if the latter request doctor, or there is any doubt about their health, then the police surgeon

It is thereafter his responsibility as to whether or not the prisoner is detained and reviewed at intervals, or referred to hospital. In the past three years in the area I cover, the number of "fir to be detained"

cases has risen from 2.5 per cent to 15 per cent of an annual average total of 350 cases. The doctor is now called if there is the slightest doubt about a prisoner's fitness to be detained. Whether or not this change of prectice is due to criticism from the

media is open to speculation.

With regard to Mr Jardine's point of maltreatment of prisoners, my feeling is of nothing but admiration for the way in which prisoners are treated. One has only to stand in the police office on a Friday or Saturday night after the pubs have closed and listen to and observe the crazed, almost animal behaviour

of many of those arrested. Despite extreme provocation I have never seen the police retaliste. Most of these prisoners are to put it mildly, under the influence of alcohol.

alcohol I have often felt that videos of some of these incidents would alter the views of those "who suffer from an excess of libertarianism" (leader, January 14). Yours faithfully, NEIL M. MACLEAN, Holmfield, Duntocher Road,

London's third airport

Dunbartonshire.

January 20.

From Mr D. C. Wood Sir. Putting aside the important point that the remarks of the Chairnan of the Essex County Council fletter, January 24) concerning the impact of a major airport on a locality are relevant wherever the site may be, inland or coastal (something very easily ignored by perfervid partisans), there is a point of historical accuracy additional products and the contract of t of historical accuracy which needs to be made.

Whatever the attitude of the Heath Government was in 1971, it had changed fundamentally by 1973. In the Second Reading dehate in the summer of 1973, that Govern-ment only obtained a majority in a crucial division by accepting an amendment moved by Robert Adles which ensured a root and branch review of the whole Maplin project, including its environmental impact. As a result of that review, the publication of which was awaited by the succeeding Wilson Government. the project was abandoned in June

1974, without serious disagreement. Since 1974 that action has received bipartisan approval. Only in the hearts of the more obscur-autist elements in the Essex County Council do the old illustrans remain. to the great cost and regret of the bulk of the county. Yours sincerely,

DERRICK WOOD, Defenders of Essex Association.

The Chase. Paglesham East End. Rochford, Essex.

January 24.

Jarrin Hucker

only 3 per cent unsold. The collector's pieces as usual left the
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illuminated manuscript on vellum,
lestimate £8,000 to £12,000). Its
gross weight was 101 oz, giving a
price of about £200 an ounce.

A Course Arman plaint transition

it weighed 27 oz gross, including psalter was sold for £10,000 (estime non-silver handle, giving it a price of about £190 an ounce.

Large elaborate pieces were less in demand; a George III centre dish, a fine example by Thomas process were the stars of a sale of

£12 an ounce.

Christie's sale of early printed

books and manuscripts made £189,365, with 13 per cent unsold.

books of Vegetius Renatus's De Re Militaris and included three large military midatures. An early

fourteenth-century East Anglian psalter was sold for £10,000 (esti-

stitute, was in the chair and Mr Peter Walker, MP, was the guest

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a
luncheou held yesterday at 10
Downing Street in honour of Sign-

Downing Street in honour of Sig-nor Francesco Cossiga. President of the Council of Ministers of Italy. The other guests were: Signor Athlio Ruffind, the Italian Ambastador, Ambastador Valter Gar-dial, Signor Arnaido Squillante: Lord Carrington, Sir Ian Gilmour, Mp. Str Robert Armstrong, Sir Michael Palliser, Sir Ronald Arcolus and Mr Michael Alexander.

The Hon Nicholas Ridley, Minister

of State, Foreign and Common-

of State, Foreign and Common-wealth Office, was host at a luncheon held in honour of Dr Rafael Caldera Rodriquez and Senora de Caldera at 1 Carlton Gardens yesterday. The other quests included: Dr Jorge Sucre and Sea de Sucre, the venoruelan Ambassador and Senora de Mendoza. Sucre and Sea de Senora de Mendoza. Saroness Vickers. Sir Anthony Royle. MP, and Lady Royle. Sir Thomas Williams, OC. MP, and lady Williams, Mr J. Page, MP, and Mrs Page, Mr and Mrs H. L. Rhodes, Mr and Mrs G. W. Harding and Mr K. D. Temple.

Mr John Biffen, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, attended a luncheon given by the political committee of the Carlton Club vesterday. Sir Desmond Plummer was in the

Dean of St Mary's Hospital Medical School.

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Conferment of the title of reader Dr M. H. A. Davis BA. MA. PhD. system theory. Imperial College: Dr B. C. Challis. BSC. PhD. organic chemistry. Imperial College: Dr D. Gingetl. BSC. PhD. organic Chemistry. Imperial College: Dr D. Gingetl. BSC. PhD. organic Medical School: Dr. M. Eartie. BDS. PhD. organicon. Dr. M. Eartie. BDS. PhD. organicon. Dr. M. Eartie. BDS. PhD. organicon. Dr. M. Eartie. Dr. Despello Medical College: Dr. P. Preston. BA. MA. DPhil. modera history. Ouren Mary College: Jr P. Preston. BA. MA. DPhil. modera history. Ouren Mary College: J. E. Sharwood Smith. MA. education. Institute of Education; Dr. W. A. Wakeham. BSC. PhD. chemical physics of fluids, Imperial College. Leeds

M. Anthony John Woodman aged.

34, reader in Latin literature at Newcastle University, has been appointed to the Chair of Latin in the School of Classics from

Appointments:

Research Fellows: O. P. Brerston. BSc. (Sheff). M. Hellowell. BSc. R. der. DPhil o' No. 19. Chemistry: K. P. Rill. Social policy and social work: S. M. Latto. RSoc Sc i Birm. social policy and social work: S. M. Latto. RSoc Sc i Birm. social policy and social work: P. Shegleton. BSc (Keele). Computer science. Locturer: L. Michelle. RA. BEd. PhD i Birm., education.

Microprocessor engineer: G. W.

Grants of Health and Social Security: £49.809 to Professor S. J. Hutt for "An investigation of child minding practice" Science Research Council: £25.501 to Professor C. T. Mordiner for "Thermochomistry of metal—succeeded complexes"

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Watwick
Grants
Science Research Council. 224,000 to
Dr R. Dupree for "NMR studies of
the effect of bonding on the properties
of liquid semi-conductors": 222,750
to Dr J. R. Barker for "Quantum
theory of electronic processes in submicron. semi-conductor device structures": 227,650 to Dr D. J. Pelley
for "the influence of specimen size on
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Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Lieutenant-Colonel John Johnston

assistant comptroller of the Lord

Chamberlain's Office, to be Comp-

troller, in succession to Sir Eric

Penn, who is to retire in February, 1981; Lieut-Col George West, aged 42, brigade major in the Household

Division, Grenadier Guards, to be

Mr Charles Kidd, aged 27, assistant editor of *Debrett*, to be editor, in succession to Mr Patrick Montague-Smith.

Mrs Margaret Robb, of Edinburgh, vice-chairman of the National Deaf Children's Society, to be chairman, in succession to Judge Stephen Tumin: Mrs Wyn Osborn-Clarke, of Bristol, to be vice-chairman of the society.

assistant comptroller.

education.
Cosor engineer: G. W.
t. BSc (Manc).
Chaplain: M. R. H. Turner,
(Dublin), BA (Oxon).

Bath

military midatures.

Luncheons

HM Government

Carlton Club

October 1.

Appointments:

Keele

Warwick

By Geraldine Norman

Sale Room Correspondent
English and foreign silver again
sold easily at Christie's yesterday,
with a total of £235,910, leaving
only 3 per cent unsold. The col-

price of about £200 an ounce.

A Queen Anne plain tapering cylindrical chocolate pot made by loseph Ward in 1706 was sold for 55,200 (estimate £2,200 to £3,000);

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress entertained the follow-

ing guests at dinner at the Mansion House last night:

Maiston House last light.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster, the Mayor and Mayoress of Berwick-upon-Tweed, the Dean of St. Paul's, the Leader of the CLC and Lady Cauler, the Master of the Mercers' Company and Mrs. Bridges, Mornant Mrs. Only House, Mr Aim Lamboll and Commander and Mrs. Michael Wall.

The past chairman and secretary of the British Medical Association and their ladies were entertained

at a dinner given by the BMA council yesterday. Presentations were made by Mr Anthony Grabham, chairman of council, to Sir

James Cameron, immediate past chairman, and Dr Elston Grey-Turner, immediate past secretary. Dame Josephine Barnes, president of the BMA, unveiled a portrait of

Engineers
The Smeatonian Society of Civil

Engineers held a dinner at the Institution of Civil Engineers last night. Sir Angus Paton, president,

Institute of Refrigeration
An anniversary dinner was held
by the Institute of Refrigeration
at Grosvenor House yesterday. Mr

J. J. Wilson, president of the in-

Cambridge
Elections and award
Chunchul, Collect: Mr J. Kilparfiff, had of modern languages, Thornhill School. Sunderland, to a schoolmaster Fellow commonarship for the

hill School. Sunderland, to a school-master fellow commonarship for the Levi term.

LLARE COLLEGE: Organ scholarship.

D. M. Dunnett, King Edward's S. Birmingham. Choral exhibitions, Ruth C. E. Hotton. 5 Hampstead HS. A. J. Sparling, Desborough S. Maldenhead, D. J. Watson. Edinburgh Acad, Instrumental exhibitions, D. N. Rawstborne, Merchant. Taylors' S. Croeby, S. N. Chauning, Eton. Margarer Faultess, King Edward VI HS. Birmingham, H. E. Standers. Nottheham HS. N. Jacobsen, Marthorough, exhibition in history for archaeology and anthropology.

Appointments to Chairs
Dr D J. Birknell, MB, ChB, MD, consultant psychiatrist in mental handicap
with Kingston and Richmond Area
licatth Authority, psychiatry of mental
handicap, at St George's Hospital
yledical School; Professor D, A.

Imperial Collège: Professor H. Ellott, Ph.D. furmerly professor of physics; Importal Collège: physics: Dr. J. A. Hobkirk, BDS. Ph.D. senior lecturer in prosthelic dentistry, institute of Dental Surgery: prosthetic dentistry: Dr. P. S. Sever, MA, MB. BChir. Ph.D. senior lecturer in medicine, St. Mary's Hospital Modical School: clinical pharmacology and iherapeutics: Professor R. A. Weale, BSc. MSC, Ph.D. DSc. formerly professor of physiological

Appointments to readerships
DF E. C. Appieby, BSC. PhD. soulor
lecturer in veterinary pathology;
veterinary pathology; Dr M. C. Berenhaum, MB. BS, furmerly reader in
experimental pathology; Dr Mary's Hospital Medical School: experimental
pathology; Mr R. J. Betts, BA, Billit,
formerly senior lecturer in management schence; Dr S, L. Howell,
BSC. PhD. Lecturer in borchemistry
and surgery, Charing Cross Hospital
Medical School: enhysiology at Ouere
Elizabeth College; Dr C. I. Lehrer,
BSC. MSC. PhD, senior lecturer in
pure mathematics, Sydney University,
rure mathematics, King's College;

Appointments to readerships

pure methematics. King's Cot Conferment of the title of

Dr P. Richards, BA. MB. BChir, MA. PhD. MD, medicine, for his post as

University news

Smeatonian Society of Civil

British Medical Association.

Dinners

Lady Mayoress

Dr Grev-Turner.

presided.

London



COURT **CIRCULAR**

YORK HOUSE
5T JAMES'S PALACE
Jamuary 30: The Duke of Kent,
Vice-Chairman of the British
Overseas Trade Board, this evening gave a dinner for British
industrialists exporting to Japan
ar Lancaster House.
Lieutenant-Commander Richard
Ruckles PN was in attendance. Buckley, RN, was in attendance. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE January 30 : Princess Alexandra, Deputy Colonel in Chief, The Light Infantry, today visited the

3rd Battalion at Ca Garrison, North Yorkshire. Catterick Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

· Miss Mona Mitchell was in attendance.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend the gala performance at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, on March 26.

Princess Anne, as president of the Save the Children Fund, attend a fund-raising fashion gala in Kensington on March 19, at which clothes from the Paris Museum of Haute Couture will be

Crown Princess Beatrix of The Netherlands celebrates her birthday today. There will be a requiem Mass and

thanksgiving for the life of Sir Charles Curran, Director-General of the BBC from 1969 to 1977 and Managing Director, Visnews 1977 to 1980, in Westminster Cathedral at 11.15 am on Thursday, Feb-ruary 14, 1980.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Barnes Wallis will be held in St Paul's Cathedral on held in St Pau's Cathedral on Wednesday, February 27, at 11.45 am. Admission will be by invitation. An address will be given by Professor Jack Morpurgo. Boys and girls of Christ's Hospital School will be present. A few places may be available for other people who should apply in writing, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, to: The Clerk of Christ's Hospital, 26 Great Tower Street, London EC3R 5AL.

Prince Charles to visit Canada

The Prince of Wales will visit Canada between March 30 and April 3, Buckingham Palace amounced yesterday. The Prince, who is president of the Inter-national Council of United World Colleges, will attend meetings of the council at Pearson College of the Pacific, near Victoria, British Columbia. He is expected to pay a private three-day visit to Plorida after that to join in an international polo tournament.

US award for defence civil servant

Mr Victor Macklen, deputy chief adviser (projects and nuclear) at the Ministry of Defence with re-sponsibilities for Anglo-American cooperation in the defence nuclear field until his retirement last September, has been presented with the United States Secretary of Defence's Outstanding Public Service Award at a ceremony in the Pentagon, Washington.

Christening

The infant son of the Hon Richard Pleydell-Bouverie was David Oakley at the christened David Oakley at the Church of St Mary, King's Walden on Saturday, January 26 by Bishop V. J. Pike, assisted by the Rev K. G. Martin. The godparents are Mr Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, Mr David Brotherton, Mr Michael Horsfall, Lady Romayne Bockstoce, Mrs James Leigh-Wood and Miss J. Ogilvy-Wedderburn.

Inaugural lecture

The inaugural lecture of the Anglo-Venezuelan Society was given on Tuesday night at the Institute of Directors by Dr Raïael Caldera Rodriguez, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union Council.

Birthdays today

Mr Christopher Chataway, 49; Air Marshal Sir Christopher Hartley, 67.; Air Commodore Lord Harvey of Prestbury, 74; Miss Jean Sim-monds, 51; the Rev Lord Coper, 77; Brigadier Sir Alexander Stanser, 81; Dame Freya Stark, 97

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M. M. Clarfelt of Corfu, Greece, and Stephanic Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. D. Lawyer, of San and the Hou C. M. Campbell The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Jack Clarfelt, of Linbay Meads, Timsbury, Romsey, Hampshire, and Christina, daughter of Lord and Lady Campbell of Croy, of Holme Rose, Cawdor, Nairn, Dr R. G. M. Keeling and Mrs J. M. Greenwood and Mrs J. M. Greenwood
The marriage will take place
quietly in London in March between Richard Keeling, of The
White House, Horsington, Templecombe, Somerset, and Judith
Greenwood, of Hazelcroft Cottage,
Horsington.

Colonel R. W. H. Crawford and Mrs J. Bright

The engagement is announced between Robin Crawford, OBE, of Milestone House, Farnborough, Hampshire, and Jenny Bright (nee Gladstone) of Carlinwark Drive. Camberley, Surrey, widow of Mr John Bright.

Lieutenaut-Commander R. J. B. Riley, RN, and Miss C. S. Marks

The engagement is announced between Robert James Benedict, youngest son of the late Dr Ronald Riley, of Broadstairs, Kent, and of Mrs Evershed and stepson of Mr Frank Evershed, of 301, South Farm Road, Worthing, Sussex, and Caroline Susan, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Marks, of Riplington, East Meon, Hampshire.

Mr E. B. D. Waldy and Miss C. Elkington Allen The engagement is announced between Edward Brian Douglas, only son of Mr and Mrs John Waldy, of Dales House, Lombard Street, Petworth, West Sussex, and Catherine, elder daughter of Mrs B. Elkington Allen and the late Mr T. C. Elkington Allen, of Sydney, Australia.

Today's engagements

Exhibitions: Arthur Rackham, 1867 to 1939, City Museum and Art Gallery. Bristol. 10 to 5: American prints, British Museum 10 to 5; Southwark and the Thames, Livesey Museum. 628 Old Kent Road, 10 to 5: costume and fashion in book and print, Victoria and Albert Museum, Kensington, 10 to 5.50. Lectures: Coins of pre-Roman Britain, by Jean McDonald, Museum of London, 1.10; The Peel collection, by Paul Spen-Museum of London, 1319; The Peel collection, by Paul Spen-cer-Longhurst, National Gallery, 1; Cubism, by Carole Conrad, Tate Gallery, 1; Porcelain of

the Ch'ing dynasty, by Margaret Somerville, 11.30, and Verula-mium: a Roman municipium, by David Williams, British Museum, 1.15.
Talk: "Pitfalls in translation.", Talk: "Pitfalls in translation.",
by David Robinson, London
Bible Gallery, 146 Queen Victoria Street, 1.15.
Concerts: The Tunnell Clarinet
Trio, Reid Concert Hall, Edfaburgh University, 7.30; Chamber
concert, Leonardo Wind Quartet, Wills Memorial Building, Bristol, 7.30.

Lunchtime music: Capriol Piano
Trio, St Olave, 1.05; organ recital by David Phillips, St Maryat-HiR, 1.15.

Hobbs, Mr Reginald John, of

Wick, Bristol
Wick, Bristol
Huddart, Mr Herbert Thomas, of
Appleby in-Westmorland £321,694
Hunter, Mr George, of Poole
£123 086

hostilities in the area of certain islands off the coast of the main-

land of China, may prove to serve the same purpose. If it has the effect of giving Communist China

a reason or even an excuse for accepting the impending invita-tion by the Security Council to send a delegation to this head-

quarters and to discuss the desir-ability of a cease-fire in Formosan waters, then it is to the good. Naturally it complicates the issue

Naturally it complicates the issue for it is now apparent that when the council meets tomorrow to decide its agenda it will have before it two suggested items the tenor of which is somewhat contradictory. If the intention is that Communist China shall be present

Johnston, Mr Dudley Cameron, of Cockermouth

£123,086

£382,280

Mr C. Holmes and Miss S. A. Lawyer

Antonio, Texas.

Horsington.

Mr D. Tieker

Mr M. C. Watkiss

sey, Hampshire.

Mr B. P. Gulden and Miss A. K. Torday

Marriage

The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder sou

of Sir Ronald and Lady Holmes,

Mr D. Tisker and Miss S. Rae The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Tinker, of Cookham, Eerkshire, and Siobhan, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs John Rae, of Dean's Yard, Westminster.

Mr M. C. Wakiss and Miss J. C. Colvile The engagement is announced be-tween Michael, son of Mr and Mr C. R. Watkiss, of Holme Grove House, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire,

and Joanna, daughter of Major and Mrs R. M. Colvile, of Church Corner House, Michelmersh, Rom-

The marriage took place in Oslo on January 25 between Mr Bror Petter Gulden, son of Mr and Mrs Asmund Gulden, of Drammen, Norway, and Miss Ann Katharine Torday, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Torday, of Gosforth, Northumberland.

Latest wills

£457,557 left for Help the Aged

Mr Arthur George Graham, of Hove, left \$461,557 net. After personal bequests totalling \$4,000 he left the residue to Help the Aged. left the residue to Help the Aged. Other estates include (net, before tax paid : tax not disclosed) : Green, Surrey ... £235,793 Hardy, Captain Eric William, of Gullane ... £158,955 Hartley, Mrs Elsie Mary, of High Kelling, Norfolk ... £216,723

25 years ago From The Times of Monday, January 31, 1955

Formosa before UN From Our United Nations Correspondent

New York, Jan 30.—The Soviet Union in a move obviously con-certed with China sought today to seize the initiative from the west by calling for an orgent meeting of the Security Council to con-sider what it calls United States acts of aggression against the Chimese People's Republic in the Taiwan (Formosa) area and other islands off China. This move, while on the face of it more partisan at the debates an interval of at than Friday's step taken by New week or two must elapse before Zealand, which would have the council tackles the substance council consider the question of the Russian complaint.

Memorial service

Sir Stephen McAdden, MP The Prime Minister was represented by Mr Ian Gow, MP, and the Speaker read a lesson at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir Stephen McAdden, MP, held yesterday at St Mar-garet's, Westminster. Canon. John Austin Baker officiated. Lord Harmar-Nicholls, Lord Thorney-croft and Sir Bernard Braine, MP, who gave an address also took who gave an address, also took part in the service. Canon S. T. Erskine and the Rev Graham Dear were robed and in the sanctuary. Sir Harold Wilson, MP, attended. Sir Harold Wilson, MP, attended.
Among others present were in the control of the

garet Gillies, Mrs B. M. Hellier. Mrs G. Richards. Mr and Mrs F. H. George. Mrs N. McLeod, Mr J. McLeod, Mrs P. Green, Mrs J. Dee. Lord Wakofield of Kondal Hin of Lord Wakofield of Kondal Hin of Management of Transmire, Lord Maybray-King, Baroness Northchurch. Baroness Vickors. Baroness Northchurch. Baroness Vickors. Baroness Northchurch. Baroness Vickors. Baroness Hornsby-Smith. Lord Murton of Lindisfarne. Lord Campbell of Groy, Lady Thorneycroft. Baroness Macleod of Borve. Mr Michael Jopping. Mp respresenting the Chancellor of the Durhy of Lancaster'. Mr Edward du Gann. Mp (chairman, 1922) Committee'. Sir John Lefen, Mp. Mr Francis Pym, Mr, and Mrs. Pym. Mr Walter Harrison. Mp the Hon Robert Bostowen. Mp He Hon Robert Bostowen. Mr Jonesk W. John Landford-Holl. Mp and Lady Elliont. Sir William Clark. Mp. Sir Roginaid Bennett. Mp. Sir Charles Taylor. Sir William Clark. Mp. Sir Roginaid Bennett. Mp. Sir Noel Short. Sir Robin Vanderfell (Commonwealth Parliamentary Association), Mr Paul Channon. Mp. and Mrs Channon, Mr Speacer Le Marchaint. Mp. Mr Caron Malner, Mp. Mr David Crooch. Mp. Mr. Michael Snaw Mf. Mp. Mr. Mr. My David Crooch. Mp. Mr. John Loveridge, Mp. Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mp. Mr. John Ward, Mp. Mr. Varonley Onslow. Mp. Mr. John Ward, Mp. Mr. Varonley Onslow. Mp. Mr. John Love. Mp. Mr. Ralph Howell. Mp. Wakeham, Mr. John Cope, Mp. Mr. R. Lowis, Mp. Mr. Ralph Howell. Mp.

Law Report January 30 1980 Factory Acts defence not available

Davies v Camerons Industrial the breaches were employees of

system of the defence available to occupiers under section 155(2) of the Act, even though he may be prosecuted as an occupier under section 155(1) rather than as an employer under section 155(2).

Section 155(2) provides: "In the event of any contravention ... of the provisions ... of any regulation made [under this Act], the occupier of the factory shall ... be guilty of an offence "... Section 155(2) provides: "In the event of a contravention by any person of any regulation ... the occupier ... shall not be guilty of an offence ... unless it is proved that he failed to take all reasonable steps to prevent the contravention; but this subsection shall not be taken as affecting the liability of the occupier ... in respect of the same matters to profession 155(2) of the 1961 Act. If the matter stopped there the defence raised would have been defence raised w liability of the occupier . . . in respect of the same matters by virtue of some provision other

than the provisions or provision aforesaid. The Divisional Court allowed an appeal, by case stated, by inspectors of the Health and Safety Ex-

Services Ltd

Before Lord Justice Bridge and Mr Justice Woolf

Where an employer, also deemed to be an occupier of a factory by operation of section 127(4) of the Factories Act, 1961, is liable as an employer for breach of an absolute duty under the Construction (Working Places) Regulations. Regulations. 1966, he cannot rely on the defence available to occupiers under the matter stopped there the content of the answer was to be found in the concluding words of section 155(2). Applying those words to 1966 regulations, by reason of the present case, subsection (2) regulation 3(2). They had also found that the company had taken as affecting the liability of the company as occupier, in respect of the same active that the company had been prospected as occupiers, they were entitled to rely on the defence available to occupiers under the liability of the company as occupier, in respect of the same occupier, in respect of the sam

afforded to occupiers contained in section 155(2).

Seamark v Prouse and Another ing was somewhat wider. Comparing an airgun with a modern rifle one could say that the two weapons were substantially identical, save only for the fact that

Repairs v Vospar (3 KIR 605), Repairs v Vospar (3 KIR 605), a prosecution under section 155, the subsection under section 155, the subsection not being specified. The court would apply the same reasoning as was given in that case. Where, as here, the company had a direct and absolute duty under rectulation 3(1), as an employer of workmen, that was a circumstance which prevented them from relying on a defence otherwise available to them as notional occupiers pursuant to section 127(4) of the 1961 Act.

The difficulty could have been The difficulty could have been entirely avoided by a charge under

section 155(2). The appeal would be allowed. Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Weightmans, Liverpool.

Loaded air rifle a 'firearm'

appeal, by case stated, by inspectors of the Health and Safety Executive against the acquittal by Ellesmere and Neston justices of Camerons Industrial Services Ltd on informations alleging breaches of regulations 6(1), 26 and 28(1), of the Construction (Working Places) Regulations, 1966.

Mr Alan Moses for the inspectors: Mr David Clarke for the company.

LORD JUSTICE BRIDGE said that the justices had found, as a fact, that in each of the three informations all the necessary ingredients to establish the commission of an offence existed, and that the people responsible for powder. But the modern mean-

Mr Michael Neubert, MP, Mr Julian Ritistale, MP, and Mrs Ritistale, MP, and Mrs Ritistale, MR Kenatch, Lawrish MP, Mr Ritistale, MR Kenatch, Lawrish MP, Mr Roger Sims, MP (1912) Club), Mr Roger Sims, MP (1912) Club), Mr Tristan Garel-Jones, MP, Mr Reginale Evre, MP, Mr Antony Buck, QC, MP, Mr Tristan Garel-Jones, MP, Mr Reginale Evre, MP, Mr Antony Buck, QC, MP, Mr Tom Normanton, MP, MEP, Mr Rebert, MP, Mr John Wells, MP, Mr John Wells, MP, Mr John Wells, MP, Mr Nell Marten, MP, Mr Richard Lace, MP, Mr Robert, McCrindle, Mr Mr Mr John Riggs, Javison, MP, Mr Ian Gow, Mrs S. T. Erskine, Mr S. Bates, Mr Rodney Smith (president, South East Essex Conservative Association), Mr AC, C. Hartis (Southerd East Victoria Ward), Miss E. Sallsbury (Conservative Contral Office, Eastern Area). Mr AG, C. Hartis (Southerd East Victoria Ward), Miss E. Sallsbury (Conservative Contral Office, Eastern Area). Mr AG, C. Hartis (Southerd East Victoria Ward), Miss E. Sallsbury (Conservative Contral Office, Eastern Area). Mr AG, C. Hartis (Southerd East Victoria Ward), Miss E. Sallsbury (Conservative Contral Office, Eastern Area). Mr AG, C. Bartis (Southerd East Victoria Ward), Mr John Dooleres (Monal Associations), Mr Alma Newboy John Townsend and Company), Mr and Mr K. M. Newmon, Mr G. J. Boullon. Church news Queen's Bench Division

Appointments
The Bishop of Dorchester to be new chairman of the Church Union chaliman of the Church Union Executive. The Rev B. C. Ashew Rector of Ashtead discress of Guildiard, to be Rural Dean of Leatherhoad, sem-discress. Rural Dean of Accessions and discrete.
The Rev C. P. Andrews, curate, All Saints, Gosforth, discrete of Newcastile and responsible for Kingston Park; to be a team vicar of new tream benefice of the Newcastile Epiphany, same dioceso.

The Rev J. D. Alkinson, vicar of Markyate, diocese of Si Albans, to be rector of Baldock with Bygrave, sand dioceso.

The Rev C. D. Boulton, assistant rector of Baldock with Bygrave, same dioceso.

The Rev C, D. Boulton, assistant curate Shrub End, diocese of Chelmatord. In the priest-in-charge Graat and Little Bentley, same diocese.

The Rev A, J. Comber, rector of Parniey and rural dan of Armiey, diocese of Ripon, to be also bon. canno of Ripon, to be also bon. canno of Ripon, to be rural dean of Armiey, diocese of York, 10 be rural dean of Salton, same diocese. The Rev P, H. S. Crawford, curate-in-charge Hovinghan and also Singsby, diocese of York, 10 be rural dean of Wells, diocese of Bath and Wells, the rural dean of Shepton Mallet, same diocese.

The Rev P, Elliott, vicar of St. Rev P. Eiliott. vicar of St High Elswick, diocese of New-to be vicar of North Gesforth, Casile, to be vicar of North Gostoria, same diocese. The Rev R. J. Glover, curate of Netherion, diocese of Carlisle, to be unical-in-charge, Addingham group of parishes, same diocese. The Rev J. L. P. Griffith, assistant curate. Borthamstead, diocese of Siculation.

with Colmworth, same diocese.

The Rev I. Jones, assistant curate All Saints, Gosforth and in charge St. Hugh's Regent Farm, diocese of Newcaste, to be rector of Montrose, diocese of Brechin, on February 3.

The Rev F. Ledgard, rector of Bedale and rural dean of Wensley, diocese of Ripon, to be also hen canon or Ripon Cathedral.

The Rev R. L. Macqueen, assistant curate of St. George, Enfeld, diocese of London, to be priest-in-charge, Barkway with Reed and Buckland, diocese of St. Albans.

The Rev J. K. McCollough, curate docese of St Abans.

The Rev J. K. McCollough, curate at St Vary the Virgin, and in charge of the Church of the Holy Spirit. And the Church of the Holy Spirit. On the Holy Spirit. The Rev J. K. Milburn, vicar of Churchsowe with Kingsheiden, diocese of Churchsowe with Kingsheiden, diocese of Charleon with Backland-tout-Spirit. Some diocese, The Rev J. R. Wood-ford, retired roctor of Charlion with Buckland-tout-Spirit, spirit buckland-tout-Spirit, spirit buckland-tout-Spirit, granted permission to officiate in diocese of Exter. The Rev J. F. P. Mortson-Wolls-Warr of St John the Evangelist, Porty Spirit of Spirit Buckland-tout-Spirit, Spirit of Spirit Spirit of Spirit he Rev F. H. Palmer, rector of the Rev F. H. Palmer, rector of pleaden and ecumentical officer to Richop of Guildord, diocese of idlord, to be diocesan missioner and st-in-charge, Bismbill and Weston er Lizard, diocese of Lichileid, he Rev. J. C. Porthouse, vicar of John's, Berkenham, diocese of Rocht, to be rural dean of Beckenham,

Saints, Camberwell, diocese of Southwark, to be vicar of St Alatinow, Luton, diocese of St Albans.

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The Rev F. W. V. Noy. priest-in-charge of Stinsford, winterborne Came with Whitcombe and Winterborne Monk-ton, diocese of Saltsbury. March 31. Compiled by the Church information Office, Church House, Langer, SW1.

Science report

Environment: Beduin in black

By the Staff of Nature The conventional wisdom that decrees the wearing of light-coloured clothes in sunny weather because they will reflect more of the incident radiation than dark colours seems to be defied by one group of people that has come to terms with the difficulties of living in hot deserts.

The Beduin of the Sinai penin-sula habitually wear black outer robes, but now that custom has earnt scientific support. Recent research from Isarel which shows that the eventual heat gain by the body is the same for both black and white robes has been published in Nature. published in Nature.

Why should the Beduin apparently be able to flout one of the clementary laws of physics? Do the black robes help to minimise the heat load in some unsuspected

Dr Arich Borut of Tel Aviv and Dr Richard Taylor and Dr Virginia Fioch of Harvard University to conduct ad experiment. They dressed a colleague in black and white Beduin robes and measured the amount of heat gained in each case during a desert woon.

They found that airhough the black robes absorbed almost three times as much heat as the white. times as much heat as the white, the heat gained by the body and the temperature of the air space

between clothes and body was the

way? Those questions have been addressed by zoologists at Tel heat gained by the black robes was being lost, by increased congating the wider difficulties of adaptation to hot environments.

Page 1 the matter of the congruence o Reports that white hair on cattle and white feathers on pigeons allow more short-wave (heat) radiation to reach the skin than do black hair or feathers. loosely woven material while prompted Dr Amiram Shkolnik and Dr Arich Borut of Tel Aviv and Dr Richard Taylor and Dr Vivenia.

The message seems to confirm the commonsense view that loose clothes, of whatever colour are the most comfortable for hot weather wear. But it does not answer a further question that the Tel Aviv team has posed: how to explain the preponderance of black goats in the Bedwin flocks. Source: Nature (January 24 283, 373 ; 1980).

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OBITUARY Silver-gilt canteen fetches £20,000 Pirts of 1778 weighing 152 oz. made ceramics and glass. Winifred Wil-£5,200 or about £34 an ounce. liams paid £2,400 (estimate £400 to Modern silver was selling at about 5600) for a pair of early Worcester

pickle dishes shaped as scallor

piece band of the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry.

of State for the Environment, Me

The Middle East Association held an anniversary luncheon at the

Hilton hotel yesterday. The Hon Douglas Hurd, Minister of State

for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the principal guest and Mr Richard Nutt, chaleman of

the association, presided. Mr Kenneth Dick also spoke. The guests included members of the Diplomatic Corps, Lord McFad-zean, Lord Selsdon, Mr R. Fitt and Mr H. Ridealgh.

The Lord Mayor presented to the Actuaries' Company letters patent confirming it as the minety-first

City of London Livery Company at the Mansion House yesterday

The letters patent were received by Mr Geoffrey Heywood, the Company's Founder Master. At a luncheon held afterwards the speakers were the Lord Mayor, the Master and Mr M. H. Oram, Sanior Warden.

Honorary degrees will be conferred on June 25-27 on:

D.Litt: Mrs Shirley Williams, former Secretary of State for Education and

Professor David Daiches, the writer

and scholar, will receive the hon-orary degree of doctor at a gradu-ation ceremony on February 23.

The Zoological Society of London has made the following awards for

has made the following awards for contributions to zoology in 1979: Scientific Medal awarded to those aged 40 and under: Dr Malcolm Burrows. Cambridge University. Standard Raffles Award (zwarded to an amateur zoologist): Nry S. M. Turk. Thomas Honry Huxley Award (for a doctoral thesis): Dr M. J. R. Hall, Imparial College. London University. Zoological Society of London Frink Medal for British Zoologists (for original contributions by professional zoologists): Professor V. C. Wynne Edwards. FRS. emeritus professor. Aberdon University. Princo Philip Soc. James 1979 and 1979 and 1979 and 1979 and 2000 and 1979 and 2000 and 2000

Lord Justice Orr is to retire from the Court of Appeal on February 1 because of fil health.

Judge to retire

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SIR THOMAS BENNETT Architect and public servant

pickle dishes snaped as scattop shells, and £2,600 for another pair en suite; the pickle dishes had scratch cross marks and work-men's marks in red and had been FRSA, FRIBA, the architect, died on January 29 at the age dated by the auctioneers to about 1753. A Worcester bowl of similar date, of unusual shape and decoof 92. In a professional lifetime which extended over a period rated with famille rose enamels. made £980 (estimate £300 to £400) ted a reputation for good archi-tecture and for sound contract Phillips's sale of lead soldiers management and financial conand figures made £20,195, with less than 1 per cent unsold. The trol that was equalled only by his supremely able and imaginatwo top prices were paid by a private collector; he spent £800 (estimate £800 to £1,000) on a 17-piece Salvation Army band and £720 (estimate £300 to £400) on the 25tive work as Chairman of Crawley New Town from 1947 to 1960. This followed the war in which he had served with distinction as Director of Works in the Ministry of Works. As an educationist, Bennett built up the Department of Architecture, Surveying and Building at the Northern Polytechoic, of which when the coming of war is 1939, Bennett at the invitation of the coming of the comin Mr John Armstrong and members of the council of the Management he was Head from 1921 to 1929, Consultants Association were hosts to a point of excellence where ar luncheon given for the Secretary it became the first technical school recognized by the RIBA as competent to hold its own leagues on Tuesday at St Stephen's Club. examinations.

Though designer of many well-known buildings among them the Saville theatre; the John Barnes store; Eyre Court flats in the Finchley Road; and offices and flats such as Marsham Court and Westminster Gardens in the Horeseferry Road area—Bennett was never "an architect's architect", holding unfashionably to the view that good architecture is rooted in good building supported by clear purpose and firm contract administration. It is possible that the very quality of con-fidence in his own judgement, seldom at fault, which made him much sought-after by clients, did not commend itself to all his confreres. Whatever the reason the RIBA, to its own loss, made immense reputation either in its were some who felt that had the Institute done so in the years after the Second World War, the whole course of the pro-fession's standing with the public could have undergone

wind gusts " and £29,148 for " Aerodynamic lift for leviraling high speed
rails " £49,500 to Professor K. R.
Jennings for " updating the departmental MS9 mass spectrometer";
£59,665 to Professor R. H. Whiltenbury and Dr H. Delton for "The role
of rituinose bisphosohate carboxylase in
methane oxidising bactista"; £56,061
to Professor R. H. Whiltenbury and
Dr C. S. Dow for " the morphogenesis
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Training Services Division of the Mansignificant change. Born on August, 14, 1887, the son of J. W. Bennett and his wife Anne Penberthy, (sister of Frederick Penberthy, the glover of Oxford Street) Thomas Penberthy Bennett received his schooling at St Augustine's church school, Kilburn, On the death of his father in 1901, the young Bennett then not 15. went into the Architect's office of the old LNWR at Euston where he learnt the elements of building but little about the art of architecture, a deficiency or the Man-trahing Services Division of the Man-power Services Commission: 273,008 to Professor J. Aunett for "Skill ioss: studies of retention, rehearsal and made good by study at evening Classes at the Regent Street Polytechnic. There his master was A. E. Richardson (after-wards Sir Albert Richardson, studies of retention, renears, and stress."
Lineas Group Services: £68.000 to Dr. M. T. G. Highes for "Energy-conserving control systems for automobile cagines" and from the Science Research Council £20.629 for "Realisme data management Lecilities fur research on fuel-conserving control techniques for automobile systems", Cobleform Lid. £22.050 to Mr A. E. Corbett for "AC traction systems". PRA). Bennett has acknowledged in his memoirs the tremendous inspiration that Richardson breathed into his pupils, and it was on his suggestion that Bennett applied for and gained a place at the Royal Academy Schools where he won the year prize for sculpture; he was already a prizeman in Secretary of State for Education and Science.

Disc: Professor Fret Otto, professor at Stuttgart University of Technology and expert on Hahweight bailding structures: Professor of Geoffrey Whitman, FRS, professor of inorganic chemistry. Landod University: Professor. Hans Kornbery, FRS, professor of blochemistry. Cambridge University, and chaiman of the Royal Commission on Environmental Poliution: Sir Raymond Brown, chairman of Mulrhead Lid and president of the Electronic Engineering Association: Professor. I. Igor Ansoli, sentior associate of the European Institute of Advanced Studies in Management and visiting professor at the Stockholm School of Management Electronics.

Stirling Management: Engineering director of GEC-Marconi Electronics. architectural subjects at the Regent Street Poly, a more than and this, with the pressure on competent player of the piano him of Crawley and of his own competent player of the piano and the organ, and had learned to draw at Heatherley's atelier.

In 1911 Bennett of the Crawley and of his own practice, made him resign in 1952. Eight years later, with the LNWR and joined the Architect's department of the Ministry of Works (then the Ofice of Works), the chief architect, sawing he could not possibly be competent player of the piano and the organ, and had learned a greater nuisance inside the office than he had been knocking on the door! Three years later the war of 1914 broke out; he enlisted but was pulled out by Sir Frank Baines, the principal architect, to help with the warme programme of hurring and munition factories. Ar the end of the war he was invited to join Arthur Davis, RA, who with his partner, Méwès, had designed the Ritz Hotel. In 1921 he was appointed

Head of the School of Archi-tecture, Surveying and Build-ing at the Northern Polytechnic, this coinciding with move into private practice.

Betnett held strongly that—
provided a broad syllabus of
training was laid down, with
study in depth in certain subjects essential to the architect's profession, among them design, architectural composition, construction and contract management—the student would get all the mind-broadening he needed. Charles Reilly had

shown the way at Liverpool University, and Bennett followed him, knitting resources followed him, knitting resources already available to him at the Polytechnic to others of his own devising. This work continued until 1929 when rapidly increasing practice and the strain of a 14-hour working day forced him to resign.

Bennett said in after life

MR J. C. CUTLER

age of 72. He was born on February 13, 1907, and after serving an apprenticeship with the English Electric Company joined The Times in 1928. He was the second man in his family to become associated with Printing House Square, for his father was private secretary to the then chairmen Colonel J. J. Astor (later Lord Astor of Hever)

building, a post which he held throughout the war. He was All who knew John Cutler closely associated with the production at The Times of Stars and Stripes the American Forces

newspaper.
In 1954 he became Managar of the Private Printing office. being run down before the demolition of the Victorian building, he began a new career as an advertisement sales representative. That such a change brought

Lady Whitty, widow of Sir Reginald Whitty, KBE, died on January 28. She was Dorothy Mary, daughter of J. A. Martin, and she was married in 1915.

Her husband died in 1960.

Sir Thomas Bennett, KBE, that his own recipe for success was to be equipped to take one's chance when it comes— as come it must! His ownability to assess the potential of a site, to prepare alternative : of more than 70 years, he crea-schemes for its development, and to produce meticulous a him an enviable reputation. with developers such as Stanley
Edgson, Claude Leigh (for
wham he designed Dorset
House, Matylebone), George Gee (for whom in addition to: designing the Saville Theatre he planned Eyre Court flats of Lord Reith was called to the Ministry of Works-first as controller of bricks, then as

as controller of bricks, then as deputy Director, and in 1941 as Director of Works. Here he played an important role in building orderance factories, air fields and naval and Pow, samps. He was able to make a contribution to welfare conditions for building workers on sites which afterwards were codified by the ministry. Reith was succeeded in 1942 by Lord Portal of Laverstoke, who invited Bennett, on Lord Beaverbrook's recommendation, to organize the postwar temto organize the postwar temporary housing programme.

This be successfully did—divid. ing the programme between the plastics, asbestos-tement, con-crete block-making and steel-industries, so spreading employment and conserving resources. Before leaving the ministry, Bennett came into contact with Winston Churchill and had the responsibility of wanslating his ideas on rebuilding the bombed Chamber of the House of Commons into plans which, with Adrian Scott and his brother, Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, as architects, were drawn up before the end of the war. Returning to his practice, Bennett (who had been knighted in 1946) designed a number of important buildings,

including Atlantic House and the Diamond Corporation's headquarters in Hatton Garden. In 1947 he was invited by the late Lord Silkin, who had piloted the New Towns Act through the Commons, to be-come chairman of Crawley New Town. He had already made his' mark as chairman of the Boot and Shoe Working Parry for Milliam Sir Stafford Cripps, and threw himself with enthusiasm into, the new challenge. His planning. and organizing ability (which included the selection of key staff) made Crawley perhaps the most successful of the New Towns; Bennett's care for human values played no small part in this, In 1951, Hugh Dalton, who succeeded Silkin as Minister, invited him to be chairman also of Stevenage, a :: : new town that already had had four chairmen. Bennett did his granders and best to rectify certain shortcom. ings in the planning, as he saw them, but he felt there was no. 74 way of reversing some decisions.

Apart from those mentioned, zhis firm designed many important buildings, including flats at Caroline House, Bayswater Road; Eresby House, Knights. bridge; Odeon cinemas at Haverstock Hill and Highgate: extensions to "Sister Agnes's" anursing home in Beaumont Street; Hammonds store, Hull; the rebuilt Army & Navy Club, Pall Mall: Smithfield Poultry 10 Riving Market; motorway service stations for the Rank Organisation;

cinema and offices, Marble Arch: and the Royal Lancaster Hotel, Bayswater.

Bennett was the senior honorary Fellow of the Institute of Building, one of a number of huilding trade organizaber of building trade organizations of which he enjoyed honorary membership. In 1954 he was created KBE and in 1964 received on behalf of his firm a Gold Medal from the French Ambassadar for archi-French Ambassador for architectural exhibits at the Paris Salon. He was a good water-colourist and played the piano and organ well. His life-presidency of Highgare Golf Club

feeds Vision

deal for Turr

Mr John Clarke Cutler, a former member of The Times scaff died on January 27 at the equate temperament and firm belief that everybody needs at some time to think afresh and learn new tasks. In his later years with The Times he concentrated on the sale of travel advertising, and in that industry he became a well-liked and respected person. When he retired in 1972 he estimated that in his 15 years in travel the depart-ment's turnover had reached

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His connexion with the office Hever).

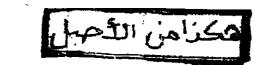
For the following 28 years
John Cutler was a member of the production staff. After rejection as a Territorial in 1938
on medical grounds, he was active in visiting those penapointed ARP officer for the held.

His connexion with the office for the became a highly valued member of the Pensioners' Welfare Committee, and up to his death was active in visiting those penapointed ARP officer for the held.

he radiated a kind of affability which made one feel the better for knowing him; his natural friendliness went down very but when that department was well with visiting parties whose tour of The Times he made into something to remember with pleasure.

Cutler was married in 1939. His wife and their two daughters and a son survive him;

Lady Pease, widow of Sir Edward Pease, third baronet, died on January 27. She was Ida Mary, daughter of James Lawrance, and she was married in 1919.



BUSINESS NEWS

- Stock markets FT Index 457.6, down 6.4 FT Gilts 67.69, up 0.04
- Sterling \$22620, up 1 cent Index 71.7, up 0.3
- Dollar.
- Index 85.0, unchanged
- **Gold** \$690, up \$20
- Money

3 mth sterling 1718-1713 3 mth Euro-\$ 1478-1478 6 mth Euro-\$ 1416-1436

IN BRIEF

Settlement reached in uranium lawsuit

Westinghouse Electric Corporation says it has reached a final agreement with Union Electric to settle a uranium

supply contract lawsuit brought by the utility.

Under terms of the agree-ment, Westinghouse will pay Union Electric \$55m in cash within 30 days of the settle-ment.

Payment of an additional S55m is conditional upon con-

struction and commercial opera-tion of Union Electric's Dalla-way Umr No 2.

Westinghouse also agreed to provide the utility with 4.2 million pounds of tranium during the period 1999 to 1999. Union Electric will pay the production cost for this

Ceramic mystery

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Ceramic Investment Holdings has increased its stake in Armi-tage Shanks to 25 per cent. Mr Keith Hamer of MEA Investments, the London financial advisers for Ceramic, said: "We will probably make our plans known early next week. At that time Ceramic might decide to reveal its identity." Blue Circle Industries on Tuesday made a 230m offer for Armitage.

Massey shows loss

Massey Ferguson Holdings have revealed an extraordinary debit of £10m in 1979 against £8.5m, which included the costs. of rationalization of United Kingdom combine operations. After tax profits fell from £7.7m to £3m. Loss per share was 87.2p. compared with last year's 10.8p.

Overtime ban

A ban on overtime has been approved by 900 employees of the Herbert machine tool plant at Edgwick, Coventry, in protest at the company's announced reduction of its total workforce of 4,000 by 700. Other Herbert plants are expected to follow

Mission to Rhodesia

First engineering sales mls-sion to visit Rhodesia since the lifting of sanctions, will leave London next week. The visit, by the Engineering Industries Association, will study areas for future trade.

US stake in Lourho

Mr Graham Ferguson Lacey chairman of National Carbonising, the fuels and energy group, was believed last night to be close to clinching a deal which would give his United States company 19 per cent of Lourho. Financial News, page 20

£2.6m deal for Turriff

Turriff Construction has won £2.6m Home Office contract to build workshops and other facilities at Channings Wood prison, Denbury, Devon. Much of the new prison has been built using direct labour of inmates.

Post Office order A contract worth £1.2m has been awarded to STC and GEC European Monetary System, namely sterling's role as a petrocurrency and the high level of domestic inflation in Britain. for Post Office equipment to transmit speech, music and telephone pictures over large dis-tances without distortion. The first units will be installed in

stable dollar and action to counter oil price burden

US Economics Corrtspondint Washington, Jan 30

President Carter today left no doubt that he ottaches high priority to maintaining a stable dollar and strengthening international cooperation on tcono-

The President stressed in his annual economic message to Congress that "as a notion we must recognize that importance of a stabwe dollar, not just to the United States but to the world economy as a fhole, and accept our responsibility to pursue yolicies that contribute to this stability."

Today's residential

Today's presidential stote-fent should lay to res at at least for the present, allega-tions that the Whitt House takes a stafee of "bebign neg-lect" towards the dollar and its international economic responsibilities.

The President The President squorely blames the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) for many of today's problems and for making the 1970s "a decadt of economic turmoil . . . an inflationary decade".

He said he was ready to reduce his new 1980 oil import limit of 8.2 million barrels per day if discussions in the International Energy Agency (IEA)

"produce a fair and equitable agerement that requires still

Opec's actions in 1979 would add \$200,000m to the oil import bills of non-Opec nations, with the United States share in 1980 amounting to \$45,000m.
The President emphasized

Chancellor

no early cut

reaffirms

By John Whitmore

yesterday.

Financial Correspondent

A further warning that in-

Chancellor of the Exchequer,

and that the rate would only be

lowered as the money supply generally came under control.

ready abandoned the hopes they

held earlier this month that

MLR might be cut some time in February. The general view now is that the Chancellor will

hold back the prospect of lower interest rates as one of the few "sweeteners" he will have to throw into what is likely to be

Whether the Chancellor will

be in a position to announce a cut in MLR either in the Budget or shortly afterwards will largely depend on what the money supply figures, particularly the bank lending figures, show between now and mid-

Even if the figures look en

couraging there are those who believe that Sir Geoffrey might

wait until after the end of the

present monetary year (April 16) before considering a reduc-

tion in MLR.
Although a cut in MLR and

bank base rates would obviously

relieve some of the pressures on industrial borrowers, the last thing the Government wants to

risk is a premature reduction in interest rates that might lead

to the need to push rates back up again later in the spring.
On sterling, the Chancellor said yesterday that the Govern-

ment did not want to encourage its role as a reserve. He added

that there were particular prob

lems with the question of British membership of the currency arrangements of the

35c to 373c 70c to 770c

a very right Budget.

March.

Financial markets have al-

that international cooperation was needed to prevent "a destructive round of trade protectionism" arising from the strains of paying Opec's bills. Cooperation was also essen-al to protect financial markets from potential disruptions caused by the huge increase in

oil payments.

Mr Carter said that the Mr Carter said mat the economic goals set in the Humphrey-Hawkins Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of a 4 per cent unemployment rate and a 3 per cent inflation rate by 1983 were unrealistic.

This is a courageous assertion in an election year, especially as the President suggested that the unemployment goal will not be met before 1985 and the inflation target will not be reached before

He said that in developing domestic policy in the 1980s stress must be placed on prostress must be placed on pro-tecting the nation from foreign inflationary upheavals that ould be created by Opec. He also underlined the need for policies leading to large-scale domestic energy conservation and production. and production. ajor efforts must be made

to defeat inflation by increas-ing productivity, the President added. Technological research and development would be enhanced by higher govern-ment spending.

Mr Carter said he supported moves to reduce the corporate tax burden in coming years.
"Our nation in the coming



Dr Charles Schultze, chairman of the White House council of economic advisers, which is forecasting a mild recession in the United States this year—page 18.

full of bleak forecasts and candid assessments of present and potential difficulties facing the United States, the President said he believed "the 1980s can be a decade of lessened inflation and healthy growth". decade will have to increase the share of its resources devoted to capital investment."

Ambitious W German economic forecast

From Peter Norman Bonn, Jan 30

The West German government is hoping that the country's gross national product will increase by "a good 2. 5 per cent" in real terms this year after advancing by terest rates will not necessarily 4.4 per cent in 1979. be reduced in the near future came from Sir Geoffrey Howe,

The cabinet in Bonn today approved the final version of the government's annual report yesterday.

The Chancellor, who was speaking to the Foreign Press Association, said that there could be no precision about the trend in the Bank of England's minimum lending rate (MLR) on the economy which also projects a ninflation rate of around 4.5 per cent, an unemployment rate of between 3.5 and 4 per cent and a current account balance of payments deficit of around DM 20,000m. Presenting the report to the press, Herr Otto Graf Lambs-

orff, economics minister, said government's growth and inflation targets were ambi-tious but not exaggerated. However he emphasized that the figures in this year's report were more than usually subject to risky assumptions after the outcome of the last Opec meeting in Caracas and in view of the crises in Iran and Afrhanistan.

Herr Graf Lambsdorff said the report had been made on the assumption that West Gerthe assumption that West Germany would have sufficient supplies of oil throughout 980 and that oil prices would not change greatly. If prices remain stable, the country's oil bill is still expected to increase by around DM20,000m to DM65,000m this year.

Despite the slowdown growth anticipated for 1980 Herr Graf Lambsdorff made that the government has intention of introducing new measures to stimulate the tronomy. According to the vious year. Imports of goods into West pose tax curs totaling Germany jumped by 20 per DM70,000m marks to take cent to DM292,200m in 1979 largely because of the higher

One of the key assumptions underlying the report is that unions and employers will again agree reasonable wage

increases in the current round

of collective bargaining. To a large extent the government has based its growth and inflation targets on the expectation that individual wages and sal-aries will increase on average by around 6.5 per cent. As part of Bonn's plans to

cut back demand for imported oil, the Cabinet today agreed to give a further impetus to programmes for obtaining synthetic gas and oil from coal. The government has also decided to provide DM70m to finance feasibility studies of 14 large scale coal refining plants. The 14 projects would, when completed process 12 million tonnes of hard coal and 10

million tonnes of lignite annually. They are expected to cost a total of DM13,000m at today's prices up to 1993. But the question of detailed financing and in particular the use of further public funds has been left until the studies are completed. The preliminary work on coal gasification should be finished by the end of this year while that on turning coal into liquid products is expected in the middle of 1981

Trade surplus. West Germany's visible trade surplus fell sharp-ly to DM22,500m last year from DM41,200m is 1978, the federal statistics office reported in Wiesbaden taday. After subtracting last year's DM31,500m deficit on transfers and invisible transactions, the provisional figures released by the office show that West Germany's balance of payments on current account ended 1979 with a deficit of around DM9,000m compared with a

surplus of DM17,600m the precost of ail

Exports rose by 10 per cent in value to DM314,600m, representing a real increase of 7 per

Mr Carter stresses need for £42m import bill for US reactor

By Nicholas Hirst Energy Correspondent

An American-designed pres-surized water reactor (PWR)

nuclear power station would involve imports of £42m, Mr David Howell, Secretary of State for Energy, told the newly formed Select Committee on Energy in a written memoran-

dum yesterday.

That would be the cost for the first order but for subsequent orders imports would gradually fall to around £10m.
In evidence to the first session of the committee Mr.
Howell explained that it was intended to order the Ameria a year in 1985 and not much can design after 25 years of solely British-designed orders to establish the option on the

pass safety tests and the project go before a public inquiry. It would be licensed from West-

The PWR would first have to inghouse, the American power

Mr Howell said that the Government's intended programme of ordering new nuclear stations over the 10 years starting in 1982, when construction on the first PWR was expected to start, was was expected to start, was based on a conservative esti-mate of electricity demand growth of less than 1 per cent a year in 1985 and not much

reactor which was most widely of Energy of between 1.7 per used throughout the world.

The PWR would first have to growth in electricity demand over the last four years which had equalled 1.9 per cent. Further stations could be ordered if demand proved suf-ficent, the minister said.

In an opening statement he reiterated that safety was the Government's prime consideration. It wanted to have time for discussion but a balance had to be kept between the time allowed for discussion and making

"The Government must ensure that we have enough energy in the future to heat our homes and power industry."

Nuclear power was being chosen both to supply a balance

of different energy types and to, give the country the cheapest-supplies available. Electricity generated by

nuclear power was expected to be cheaper than any fossi fuel-stations whether it came from the British-designed advanced gas cooled reactor (AGR) or a

Storage of waste was not a problem, Mr Howell said, but studies were being made into the possibility of vitrifying highly radioactive substances. Questioned on whether, after

years of decline, the British nuclear industry was capable of building the programme Mr. Howell said he believed the industry could be strengthened to

Clothiers tell

Clothing industry leaders

yesterday gove a warning that thousands of jobs would be lost if the uroptan Community failed to introduce more effective controls on

A dilegation of clothiers told Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, that

Sir Keith

iobs are

at stake

By John Huxley

cheap imports.

Machine tools industry suffers deficit as imports soar

By Edward Townsend

Britain's machine tool indus-try suffered a deficit on its over seas trade last year for the first time since 1967 but the Machine Tool Trades Association says it will continue to back two-way trade "provided it is fair". Latest official figures show

that exports of machine tools for the first nine months of 1979 were £164.2m, a rise of less than two per cent on the same period a year earlier. Imports however, surged ahead by 44 per cent to £202.7m. Mr John Halbert, the MTTA

president, said in the associa-tion's annual report published yesterday that the deficit had occurred largely because of im-ports from traditional sources such as West Germany, the United States and Switzerland "and reflects to only a minor extent the attack on the market being launched from Japan and other Asian sources".

While not advocating change in trade policy, Mr Halbert added: "One some-times wonders if some of the lack of success of our considerable export effort is not attributable to unnatural but subtle impediments placed in our path in those countries." He said that the associa-tion, which represents both

importers and domestic manu-facturers, would "certainly act vigorously in defence of fair trade if provided with appro-priate evidence". A detailed study of imports by the MTTA shows that the increase has been largely

plan to win

In a move which is already attracting the attention of other big cities, seven Midland-based companies and four clearing

banks have agreed jointly to finance and staff an office in

Birmingham to encourage new business and more jobs in the

The participants in the project called Birmingham Venture include two of the largest groups in Britain—GKN and Lucas. The others are Bryant Construction, the Birmingham Post and Mail, Cadbury, Delta Metal Robert Douglas and the Midland, Lloyds, Barclays and National Westminster hanks.

National Westminster banks.

They are each putting up at least £1,000 and at most £3,000

u year for the next two years. More companies are expected to

join after Birmingham Venture

The city's Chamber of Indus-try and Commerce has been mainly responsible for bringing

the parties together. It is als

providing officers at its head-quarters and has detached a senior official to run the pro-

Birmingham Venture is mainly intended to help local firms expand or cope with

problems beyond their imme-diate capabilities.

opens its doors next week.

more jobs

By Clifford Webb



caused largely by imports from West Germany, the United States and Switzer-

because of purchases by the motor industry. These include transfer lines from the United States and Germany and presses and gear cutting machines also from Germany. "The great majority of the recent increase in imports can therefore be ascribed to speci-fic motor industry projects."

West Germany is by far the leading source of imports followed by Switzerland and the United States. Japan has now moved into fifth place now moved into fifth place after its aggressive sales in the United Kingdom of numerical

The Crown Agents, whose

dabbling in property and secondary banking during the early Seventies resulted in total

losses of around £140m, has

been given a government loan of 530m. This follows the organ-

ization's incorporation on January 1 this year in line with

Under section 17 of the Act,

£30m and any "profit" made wil lbe paid into the Consoli-dated Fund when audited

At the beginning of the Seventies, the Crown Agents became heavily involved in property and secondary banking.

In the Fay Committee inquiry, it emerged that some of the Crown Agents had undertaken property deals with Mr William

Stern, who went later bankrupt for more than £100m.

After publication of the Fay Report, the Government felt it necessary to bring the Crown Agents under much stricter structure countries. Its incor-

statutory controls. Its incorporation also means that it has

been brought within the scope of the Top Salaries Review Board, which will have the effect of substantially raising

the pay of its members.

In answer to a question from

the Crown Agents Act, 1979.

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commencing capital debt

figures are complettd.

for Crown Agents

Birmingham |£30m loan agreed

By Barons Phillips

Mr Howard Barrett, the MTTA director-general, said there could be no doubt of the contribution to be made by importer members to the com-pentive power of the United Kingdom mechanical engineer-ing sector, "but adverse trade balances do not provide the means of acquiring those imports—they serve only to focus attention more sharply on the dogma of import controls."

The MITA report, which comes a day after the announce-ment by Alfred Herbert of new capacity cuts and job losses and its declaration to concen-rate on new technology machines, shows that numerical control machines are the only growth sector in the United Kingdom market.

Estimated sales by United Kingdom manufacturers last year are £600m of which 11.6 per cent (£70m) were NC machines. This proportion has risen steadily since the six per cent share of 1972.

Mr Halbert, speaking at the MTTA annual meeting, said: "rosperity in the 1980s will depend on investment and acceptance of new technology and fuller employment will not stem from artificial protection of jobs but from the develop-ment of hie economy." Fixed assets like machine tools needed constant updating if industry was to capitalize on the advantages of the latest and most advanced technology and compete in international markets.

Mr Graham Bright, Conservative MP for Luton East, Mr Neil Marten, Lord Privy Seal, said

than the interest rate of the

loan would be 20 per cent of the rate determined by the Treasury under the 1968 National Loans Act. This would cover only the first year of the

toan. Mr Marten said in his written reply that the level of interest payments for later years will be set this year. He

is also to consider the appro-priate financial targets for the Crown Agents as set out in

These stricter financial measures are part of the

Government's move to bring the Crown Agents under righter

The new body, to be chaired by senior Crown Agent Mr Sidney Eburne, has three members, Mr Kenneth Johnson, Sir Gordon Mackay and Mr Alan Frood. The

present five part-time members receive £1,800 a year, the deputy chairman just under £3,000 and the two full-time officials, Mr

Eburne and Mr Frood, around £25,000 and £20,000 respectively.

ments when dealing with highly-paid businessmen. Indeed much

Earnings

It was felt that the Crown Agent's low salaries made its members susceptible to induce-

section 13 of the Act.

over the past five months more than 10,000 workers had been made redundant. A further 5,500 were bentfitting rom the short-time working compen-sation scheme, the future of which is under revier. The industry locks confidence in tis own future because of uncertointy over the Government's attitude towards the continuing flood.

of cheap imports, Mr Geraad French, a member of the delegation, said later. Sir Keith was told that the prisent package of controls associoted with the Mulri Fibre Arrangements wert proving inadequate. Import penetration, as high as 70 per cent for sofe garments, was continuing

to grow at a time when domestic demand was statis or falling, "The industry told Sir Keith, that unless there was a comminnent from Government to maintain a viable industry by more effective and continuing control of unfair imports...
there would be further contraction", said Mr French,
chief executive of the British
clothing industry's Council for

He added that Sir Keith agreed to discuss the import, problem with colleagues at the DepaRiment of Trade. Earlier tary of State for Trade, said in Hongkong that "continued." Hongkong that "continued management" of textile immanagement " ports would be necessary.

Clothing manufacturers and others in the textile industry say that when demand is faelling, continued growth of imports should not be permitted. They also want urgent action on cheap, subsidized imports from the Comecon countries. Greek imports deal: Unofficial reports from Brussels yester-day said that the Europedir Commission had reached an agreement with the Greek Govnment on import quotes for 1980_

Under the deal, whichin must be racified by the Council of Ministers, the EEC imposes a ceiling of 55,000 tonnes of cotton yarn imports from Greece. Earlier, talks had been dead-locked, with Commissio nofficials ofening a quota of 50,000 conness and the Greek authorities seeking 58,000 tonnes. Ut is understood the ceiling for Britain will be 2,800 tonnes. Although only 400

tonnes up on last year's quota, the concessions gained by Greece will disappoint British textile producers contending market. Imports account for about a third of present con-

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Luxembourg company rules out English language programmes

Alien TV invasion fears are allayed

PRICE CHANGES Nthgate Explor 70p to 565p Pratt F. Eng 10p to 62p SA Land 50c to 890c -Bk Lemmi Israel 2p to 11p BSR Ltd 4p to 38p IDC Group 18p to 175p

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9.32 3.62 2.25 Switzerland Fr 3.84 USA S 2.31 Yugoslavia Dar 52.00 48.00 for small denomination bank ally as supplied yesterday by Bank international Ltd. rates apply to travellers; and other (oreign currence)

The secret fear of Britain's roadcasters is that the broadcasters is that country is about to be swamped by an invasion of alien television culture beamed from space satellites by audience hungry European European

broadcasting companies. They may relax a little this morning. The broadcasting company of the 999-square-mile Grand Duchy of Laxembourg has carried out intensive secret feasibility studies and has ruled out the possibility of an English television service.

Better known in England as Radio Luxembourg for its nightly pop broadcasts which have in the past featured a host of present BBC Radio One disc jocktys, Radio-Tele-Lux-embourg was considering a diet of middle-of-the-road programmes and American soap operas, much as it currently serves in French to Belgium

and north-east France. transmissions Such been occupying the minds of British broadcasters since the technical details of the broad-

casting satelline network Prime Minister, that he eised planned for Europe became the issue in the Commons last month. One point rarely lost on Bri-

tish television people is that it could be possible for a European station to beam a service here unfettered by the sort of restrictions on programming which both the BBC and ITV companies have to bear in mind. An undiluted diet of the most popular American im-port series of the time would undoubtedly attract both viewers and advertisers.

The problem facing Luxembourg is that their "foot-print", the reception area from their allotted satellite space, does not cover enough of Britain to make English language broadcasting economic.

The BBC and the Independent Broadcasting Authority were yesterdaa minimising the importance of the station's decision, though the prospect of broadcasts from Europe swamping Britain so worried Sir Harold ilson, the former

The European Braodcasting Union has, however, left RT Union has, however, left RTL the chance to spread the eppeal of its icw-budget broad appeal French programmes. It has been given the chance to beam from a satellite which would enable it to broadcast to

parts of West Germany, a move which has brought a spate of protests from existing West German television companies. seem to think we " They want to alter their culture", said Mr Nic Weber, an RTL official, "Our technical studies

this year we will take a decision." RTL defends the idea of a German language channem in addition to its existing French channem on the grounds that both languages are widemy within the Grand spoken Duchy.

are progressing and by the end

"They are our official lan-

guages", said Mr Weber. If the company decides to go ahead, it could be broadcasting to YWest Germany in five to

seven years. Bur as far as Britain is con-cerned, the technological re-volution may only wenefit those who speak French.

The French government is considering using satewlites for some of its broodcasting octput. If they go ahead, pro-gronmes could be rectived on a noram] British set if owners provided themselves with a finely-tuned dish aerial on the roof and a convertir to alter the satellite's microwave signal to one suitabwe for a British television set. The cost of the equipmeft would bt betweenn £100 afd £200.

At the mofent, there ore no other plafs for services from Europe to Britain-ond certainly, with Luxenbourg's withdrawal, no plaus for an English language service,

David Hewson

was made during the Fay in-quiry of the gifts some staff re-ceived from Mr Stern. sumption and their share is in-Raeburn Investment

Trust Limited Value of net assets £41,850,104 £44,727,687 £3,391,676 £2,542,216 Gross revenue Per 25p Stock unit:~ Net asset value 168.7p 157.5p

Dividend 6.35p

The Chairman, Mr. D. Meinertzhagen, comments: The absence of dividend controls in the U.K. and a more generous policy towards dividends by U.S. companies produced a substantial increase in the company's gross revenue, Revenue available for ordinary stockholders rose from 4.42p to 6.71p of which 0.9p was due to special dividend payments, principally from Shell Transport and ""
Unilever. The Board has decided to recommend that the full 0.9p should be passed on to stockholders by means of a special dividend of that amount. In addition the Board is recommending a final

6.71p

During the year we purchased £822,289 of our Convertible Loan Stock. In addition, the abolition of foreign exchange controls and the high cost of borrowing led to a decision to repay all but a small proportion of our \$10m foreign currency loan. The facility remains available for redrawing if required. Although our exposure to the dollar premium had been reduced ahead of its elimination, there was nevertheless a substantial reduction in the sterling value of our portfolio which has led to the underperformance of our net asset

value against the All-Share Index.
As to the future, we possess considerable flexibility in the form of undrawn dollar facilities and sterling liquidity which will enable us to follow whatever policy seems appropriate in a most uncertain world.

Copies of the Report and Accounts are available from the Secretaries, Lazard Brothers & Co. Limited, 21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT.



Alfa deal with Nissan may not be approved ... The Italian Government may

vefuse to approve a joint ven ture between state-owned Alfa Romeo SPA and Japan's Nissan group, because of fears that other European nations would retaliate against Italy for cooperating with the Japanese, Sgr Siro Lombardini, an Italian minister, says.

He added the Government

must be "very attentive" in deciding whether to approve the

Ser Lombardini said Alfa myst instead try to reach an agreement with Fiat SPA but Fiat has said repeatedly that it is not interested in such a

Statoil backs refinery

Statoil-Norol is planning 5,000m crowns (about £455m) investments in the Mongstad refinery, north of Bergen, for exploitation of North Sea oil

IG Metall takes 6.8 pc

IG Metall, the West German trade union, has accepted a 6.8 per cent pay rise offer for 300 West Berlin business machines enginers, retroactive to January 1. This is the first acceptance the current round of pay

Citroen production halt "Automobiles Citroen will halt car production for 48 hours from February 7 to cut output in France by around 6,000. The move is designed to reduce stocks.

Mitsui-Iran talks

""" Mr Eîmei Yamashita, senior managing director of Mitsui and Co has left Tokyo for Iran. He will discuss resumption of work on the joint petrochemical pro-ject costed at 730,000m yen (about £1,352m) which has been halted for 10 months.

China finds mercury

China has found large deposits of mercury and antimony in Xunyang county, northwest China's Shaanxi province, the New China News Agency

Uganda imports Uganda has set up a commit-

tee to issue import licences and allocate foreign exchange under new arrangements designed to smooth the flow of imports into

Gas for France

French gas board with 9,500 million cubic metres of Algerian gas over five years from October 1, 1982, due to a pro-jected slowdown in the Belgian economy, it was announced in

Japan's vehicle record "Japan exported a record 4.56 million assembled vehicles last

year, up 6.8 per cent from 4.27 million in 1978.

Saudi GDP up 11 pc Saudi Arabia's Gross Domestic Product, measured in current prices, totalled 248,400m Riyals (about £32,727m) in 1978-79 an increase of 11 per -cent over the previous year, Government to

Bigger oil price rise could trigger international slide Short-term 'recession' forecast for US

unemployment

(mins)

Mr Parkinson: problems beyon

that he was overestimating the

Government's capacity to deal with the problem. Industry must get out of the habit of thinking that the Government was totally in control of the

At a time when all major

international competitors were worried where the next barrel

of oil would come from, Britain was becoming self-sufficient and

that position was reflected in the exchange rate.

to individual companies to im-prove their efficiency and cut

costs. Before the Conservatives

came to power Britain was in danger of becoming a cost-plus society. The withdrawal symp-

effects will be higher inflation,

in the year-on-year growth rate of Finland's gdp to 4.4 per

Mr Parkinson said it was up

the Government's control.

exchange rate.

Annual housing starts

advisers predicted yesterday that industrial countries will have a combined balance of payments deficit of \$50,000m (£22,222m) this year and the oil exporting countries will have a surplus of \$100,000m (544,444m). The council said the surpluses of the oil exporters "will remain very arge for a number of years".

The council also predicted that the United States will have a mild recession this year; that the inflation rate will be below 10 per cent by the end of 1980, that interest rates will moderate and that the United States current account balance of payments, which might dip slightly into deficit, "should be stronger than that of other major industrial countries".

In its annual report the council stated that one assumption supporting its fore-casts is that the oil exporting nations will raise selling prices, above the current rate of \$28 per barrel, by between 10 and 15 per cent this year and by at least another 10 per cent in 1981. Even greater increases could induce widespread international recession and even higher inflation, according to the council.

The council sees higher oil financing problems for importing nations leading to increased protectionist pressures and it warned that "the cumulative effects of large further rises in oil prices could in-creasingly threaten to overload the international financial system ".

For 1980 the council predicted that tighter money policies in industrial countries and higher internacional borrowing de-mands will both enable banks to widen their spreads between their own borrowing costs and lending rates and also force more developing countries to borrow from the international monetary fund. The coun-cil believes the International Monetary Fund has sufficient resources for the time being to meet increased demands for its funds

The council noted that current develop-ments point clearly to a declining relative

Minister 'out

of touch'

on threat

to exports

By Clifford Webb

A Midland industrialist yes-

terday told Mr Cecil Parkinson,

Minister of State at the Depart-

ment of Trade, on a visit to

Birmingham that he was "just

not in touch with what is hap-

pening in our export market today".

Britain's trade problems and

Mr Toby Harrison, export sales manager of Bomford and Evershed, a Worcestershire agricultural machinery manufacturer, told him that he did not see that he did not see

not seem to realize Britain's exporters were being priced out of established markets by a

strong pound and record in-terest rates at home.

Mr Harrison said that while he was aware inflation could not be tackled overnight the

threat to export business was immediate. "We are talking

about a matter of hours or days
—not even months—to break

this problem before we are priced out of our markets".

and Development (OECD) believe that Finland's marked

In a rider to their annual

The criticism came after Mr Parkinson had addressed 100 west Midland businessmen on

Midlands Industrial

prospects.

ECONOMIC OU	TLOOK FO	DR 1980
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ompeneation per hou utput per hour	JF 8.9	91 to 10 -1 to -1

Source: 1980 Annual Economic Report of the President of the US. role for the US dollar in the longer-term in the international monetary system. It said creation of an IMF substitution account would help in this regard, but complex problems must first be addressed before the account can be established "and it is not clear when and whether these

sues can be resolved". The council sought in its report to leave the impression that central banks and large institutions with big dollar holdings will not diversify their assets on a large scale. It said official diversification on a large scale has not taken place and that it is inhibited by the shortage of alternative assets and by the danger that trying to sell large amounts of dollars will weaken the value of remaining dollar

Dr Charles Schultze, chairman of the council, claims that the underlying rate

around 8 to 9 per cent and that the rp rise in oil and housing prices here last year boosted the rate to over 13 cent. He said the greatest domestic nomic danger now is that the excep-nal energy and housing price increases I spill over into general wages and ces and so boost the underlying infla-

Schultze said at a press conference he expects interest rates to moderate the economy slows down, but that he te as great as the decline in the inflarate. He refused to make numerical erest rate forecasts and said he expects average 1980 inflation rate to be 10.4 cent. Dr Schultze noted that he exts the recession to take place in the next few months, with economic growth flat in the third quarter and recovery starting in the final quarter of this year. He said unemployment, currently at 5.9 per cent, may well peak at 7.5 per cent in the third quarter, hold around this level in the final quarter and slowly start decliming next year. declining next year.

The council asserted in its report that given the double-digit rate of price increases "fighting inflation must remain the top priority of economic policy" and that "the challenge over the long run is to strengthen our defences against the effects of Opec prices and supply decisions and reduce the inflationary forces that accompany high employment through measures to increase productivity and to lower structural memployment."

The council sees the recession resulting

The council sees the recession resulting from reduced consumer spending, notably on cars and durable goods and to a moderate fall in real terms this year in business fixed capital spending. It also sees housing starts falling to around 1,500,000 at an annual rate, but moving back up to around two million by late 1981.

Frank Vogl in Washington

China's coins miss out on the world gold price bonanza

71 to 71

From Rodney Hobson Hongkong, Jan 30

While the value of gold coins has soured with the value of the metal, China has come a cropper with two commemorative issues. Peking's mistakes show they still have a lot to learn about life in the capitalist

The set of four gold coins issued in September to mark the 30th anniversary of the People's Republic lost value during the very period that gold was going through the

The coins were originally priced at HK\$7,800 a set, with 30,000 sets issued in Hongkong and another 40,000 mainly in Europe and the United States. By the middle of this month, the dealers' buying price was HK\$7,300, only slightly more than the gold content of the coins, which weigh half an owner each. ounce each-

Henally gold coins sell at a premium, but China's first mispremium—the coins were priced at twice the value of were their gold content at the time selling the coins at less than the of issue. This brought Peking value of their gold content an immediate benefit, but those who were bitten will be shy of snapping up any future issues.

There is nothing illegal in withdrawing the offer. Since The second mistake was in

the inexperienced handling of the sales. The Chinese authorities thought they merely had to advertize in Chinatown news-papers wherever Chinese expatriates had settled. This policy was likely to work in Hongkong, where Chinese form 98 per cent of the population, but not in America and Europe, where they are not in sufficient numbers to start a gold rush.

Moreover, the agents chosen, although highly reputable in their own fields, were not experienced in marketing gold coins. A Hougkong import/ export firm had the franchise in the United States and a Hongkong finance company in Switzerland handled Europe.

Because of poor sales in the Vest, sets of coins began to

economy. It should be used to fund an exercise not altogether different from the gas conver-sion exercise of some 10 years ago, when all domestic appli-ances burning town gas were modified to burn natural gas using teams of contractors. ing down their secondary mar-ket value here. Dealers say there is nothing wrong with the coins, but as one pointed out: "They would have done well if there was only the offi-cial allocation of 30,000 sets here, but there are far more than that now".

Rather more ominous is the decision by China not to issue 1980 souvenir sets of gold and silver medals. Those who sent in cheques with their applica-tions in November have been given refunds. The announce-ment was made in a littlenoticed advertisement in the press here by the Hongkong agent, Gems and Arts, which cited as the reason a ban by Peking on the export of the

The real reason is not hard to find, and it puts China's goodwill in doubt. Between the time the issue was announced at HK\$3.500 for the gold set and HK\$200 for the silver and the announcement of the withdrawal of the offer, gold increased in value by 50 per cent. So China would have been

withdrawing the offer. Since payment has to be made in advance, coin dealers ensure that they are entitled to return the cheque if bullion price rises wipe out the profit margin by the time the manufacturer supplies the coins. This is what Chinese authorities have Dealers usually prefer to

keep faith with their clients, however, even if that means selling at a loss. After all, they can cover at least part of their loss by investing in gold futures, and they have the pensation of knowing that, if gold has appreciated con-siderably, so too have their inventories.

And if gold falls again the price of the coins could once more be above the value of the content. China would then have flood back to Hongkong, bring- upset its clients for nothing.

Department of Employment Gazette

Record number of days lost by strikes

times as many as were lost in 1978. The heavy toll came from 1976. Ine neavy toll came from remarkably few strikes. There were 2.045 stoppages which began in 1979, compared with 2,471 in the previous year. The total number of days lost was, however, the highest for any year since the General Strike of 1926.

Many of the lost-days were attributed to the large number of stoppages in protest at the Labour Government's 5 per cent pay policy. The engineer-ing dispute in the late summer led to losses of 16 million work-ing days, more than half the total for the year, but in con-

trast December was a quiet month as usual, with no major industrial disputes.

The steel strike, which began on January 2 will put up the total of days lost this month. The figures were published vesterday in the Department of Employment Gazette for January 1980. There was a slight easing last autumn in the number of com-panies forced to hold back out-

put because of a shortage of labour. The latest quarterly Departmental survey of skill shortages was carried out in October, and the results were published vesterday. These show that there was little change in the overall unsatisfied demand for skilled labour. But this did not appear to con-strain output and expansion quite as much as previously.

By Caroline Atkinson
Strikes cost British industry notified to employment offices in October which were thought last year, more than three per cent more than in July. Skilled engineering occupations were the hardest to fill. There was a slight drop in

to unemployed in 36 skilled engineering occupations. However the ration remained significantly higher than a year earlier. As unemployment has begun to rise sharply since the survey, the constraint of skill shortages is likely to ease further in coming months. The number of the unem-

ployed receiving state benefit dropped slightly last November. Only 7 per cent of the unem-ployed received both supple-mentary allowance and unemployment benefit, 2 per cent fewer than a year earlier. About four fifths of the 1,331,000 registered jobless in November last year received supple-mentary allowance only, and 31 per cent received unemployment benefit alone,

An article on the long term unemployed in the Gazette confirms earlier findings that the longer a person has been without a job the less likely he is to find one.

that the postal service is im-proving from the state to which The number of workers in industrial employment dropped by 14 per cent in the year to November 1979. This was in spite of a fall in the number of evidence of improvements in productivity from the two-year unemployed. There was a bigger drop, of nearly 2 per cent in employees in manuacturing inmers are entitled to expect measurable increases in effidustry over the same period.

The order also allows a retailer to put an artificially

encouraging what it was de-signed to prevent—misleading When he introduced the legis lation. Roy Hattersley said: "The order will make it illegal for manufacturers, retailers and know what is. advertisers to offer mythical

What has happened, however, as a result of this legislation, is that some familiar and, I would suggest, some easily understandable claims have given way to some unusual and highly dubious

From Professor Ian Fells

Sir, Most experts are now agreed that in the short to

medium term energy conserva-tion is the best way of dealing with anticipated energy short-

ages. One can get some way by exhortation of the kind gene-rated by the Department of Energy with its "Save It"

campaign, but the kind of sav-ings required over the next 40

years are not 5 per cent but nearer 45 per cent.

the increased revenue which British Gas will attract as a re-sult of the revised prices should

be spent on energy conserva-tion and not squandered along with North Sea oil money to

prop up an ailing industrial economy. It should be used to

After a few teething troubles this was a very successful tech-

enough") certainly draws the

British Gas world in shades of

grey for your quotation of the curporation's 1978/79 profit of £360.7m as fact is not historic-

The reason for this is that by their member for finance's

admission, in previous corres-pondence, British Gas accounts

are being prepared under Cur-rent Cost Convention and there-

fore supplementary depreciation on assets is being directly

You are, therefore, already falling into the web being spun by the accountancy profession, Exposure Drafts and all, by not

ally the case.

account.

A similar exercise aimed at Newcastle umaking the housing stock of January 28.

nical programme.

I would like to suggest that

Sir, Mr Seeney in his letter

(January 24) makes the point that the Price Marking (Bargain Offers) Order is both incompre-hensible and, in the view of

trading standards officers, un-enforceable. I would just add that the legislation is also

bargain offers.

claims.

bargain offers ". · ·

that at the time he made the claim he did not "propose" to subsequently increase them.

Proving that, I would suggest, is practically impossible.

The order against the retailer if he does "ham fisted" device when it not subsequently increase his attempts to deal with problems prices unless it can be shown that are better dealt with

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Bargain offers' order must go

high price tag on one unit of a product and then offer customers substantial discounts on purchases of two or more units. If that is not a mythical bargain then I am at a loss to

parisons with manufacturers' recommended prices are recommended prices are banned there is a simple substirution of the words "no price" or "retail price" recommended price".

I wonder what consumers make of such claims as "50 per cent off after sale price", where there is no comeback

for energy saving

Using gas revenue to pay

to apply it.
Such a

ours faithfully.

IAN FELLS.

upon Tyne, Merz Court

Claremont Road.

Such a programme would presumably be acceptable to

those groups opposed to nuclear power, tidal barrages and the like and would stand some

chance of being achieved speedily and without the neces-

sity for public inquiries or con-frontations. The long-term cumulative benefit in energy saved would be substantial and

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Finally, there is evidence that some traders are just ignoring the legislation alto-So we sometimes see gether. So we sometimes see that in those sectors where com-

This all goes to show that sometimes the law is a pretty

with abuses of this kind. First.

an industry code can be applied in the spirit as well as in the letter. Secondly, the burden of proof can be reversed. This would then put the maker of a claim in a position in which could be called on to substantiate it to a third party. To a government pledged to remove unnecessary burdens on the business community the message is clear, this legislation

has to go. Yours faithfully, PHILIP J. CIRCUS, Legal Adviser. Institute of Practitioners in Advertising 44 Belgrave Square, London, SW1X 8QS, January 25.

An incentive British cars From Mr M. C. Hyde

this country as energy efficient as possible could be mounted along the same lines. This would be a positive, unambiguous use of revenue generated by a non-renewable source which we are very fortunate to have discovered. The technology of energy saving in domestic premises is well understood and teams of contractors could easily be trained to apply it. Sir, I read Mr Hohoyd's leiter (January 25) with increasing depression. No matter how one relates past growth patterns to the future, the outlook is bleak.

There is one measure which government could take which should find favour with tax-bayers who, after all, are providing both the working capital and the investment funds for the British car industry.

It would be to restrict micone It would be to restrict meome tax relief on motor cars to chose manufactured in the United Kingdom. Such a move would help bolster the tax payer's investment in car pro-

duction and provide an incentive to buy British.
At the same time, foreign manufacturers could be told that if their exports to this country exceeded a certain percentage of models sold, they would have to consider establishing a United Kingdom manu-

facturing base.
Yours faithfully,
M. C. HYDE,
6A West Grove, Greenwich, London SE10 8QT,

Status of Inflation accounting and cngineers

comparability with the private Sir, Your leading article on declaring CCA results other than by a note. If and when the accountancy profession decide on a proper inflation package, accepted by all, including the Government, may one humbly suggest that two figures must by law always be shown alongside each other, that is, true historic profit and the inflation-adjusted profit.

It will become impossible if we should not be able to com-pare like with like. We might just as well issue 24-inch rulers with the retail price index. Yours faithfully,

D. J. FENN, 6 Cole Park Road. knowing the true profits which Twickenham, should be used for proper Middlesex TWI 1HW.

Cost of book illustrations

From Mr Leslie Orrey Sir, Like Mr David Holbrook (January 22) I too write books (on music); like him I find the material rewards minimal. I am at the moment in the final stages of preparing one for publication; its retail price will probably be in the region of £10.00, but my net gain will be practically nothing—and no nonsense about Public Lending Rights will significantly modify

I accept this. But what I do find the last straw is the cost of illustrations. I cannot understand why museums and art galleries have to be so rapacious over their "copyright" of the work of artists long since dead (the British Library being an Avon, BA1 2 bonourable exception). Fees for January 22.

reproduction vary from the reasonable to the outrageous (the fee, it should be noted, is in addition to the cost of the photography and is simply a licence to reproduce).
The punch line comes when graciously waiving a fee (though not the cost of the photography). the gallery merely demands a free copy of the work! With a contemplated thirty illustra-tions or so, at £10.00 an entry. the only reply is "you must be joking"; yet without illustrations the book suffers. Yours faithfully, LESLIE ORREY 16 Summerhili Road,

Lansdown. Avon, BA1 2UR.

comparing like with like From Professor N. Kurti Sir, Far from feeling hard done by, Mr D. M. Kitson (January 25) should rejoice at the corres-pondence on the Finniston report appearing in the business section. When, in the March 17, 1967 issue of The Times, the list of the newly-elected fellows of the Royal Society appeared among the business news, the then presi-

dent, Professor Blackett, was delighted: he realized the importance of business and commerce being made aware of the value and status of science we should not be able to compare like with like. We might just as well issue 24-inch rulers calling, them 12-inch rulers adjusted for inflation in line adjusted for inflation in line partly themselves to blame for the compared to the comp partly themselves to blame for

partly themselves to blame for not being held in higher esteem: they do not seem to be proud of their profession. When the colleges of advanced technology were given univer-sity status they also opted for that name, and there is now only one institution of univer-sity status for the education of sity status for the education of professional engineers which indicates its specialized function in its name: the Cranfield Institute of Technology.

I hope that the Americans will not follow the British

example, and that their great institutes of technology will not be known as, for example, the University of Pasadena or the University of Cambridge, Mass. And, should the Imperial Col-lege of Science and Technology become independent of the University of London, let it not become the University of Ken-sington and Chelsea. Yours faithfully, N. KURTI,

Department of Engineering University of Oxford, Parks Road. Oxford OX1 3PJ.

Lack of firm assurances on PO productivity

From the Chairman of the Post ciency and reliability in return of the Post office Users' National Council for the very large increases in friendly than the first, explaining postal prices imposed last ing again that (because I had August and again next month. Adam Butler. Minister of Govrenment-set financial in advance of the bill. Sir, You reported on January
25 the announcement by Mr
Adam Butler, Minister of
Industry, that the financial
target for the postal business
of the Post Office would remain targets and their achievement service unless they are accompanied by performance indica-tors which show that they are unchanged at 2 per cent return on turnover for the next three getting value for money. Yours faithfully, years, I was pleased to see that in

his amountement, the minister stressed the importance the Government attaches to improv-ing productivity and preventing JOHN MORGAN, Post Office Users' National Waterloo Bridge House, Waterloo Road, any rise in real unit costs. How-ever, that laudable aim is not one which customers can con-London SE1 8UA. Jamuary 28. template with any degree of assurance. As this council said in its

From Mr W. E. Fitzsimmons recent report on the postal price increases which take Sir, You may be interested in this account of the result of my attempt to do the Post Office effect on February 4, the Post Office can achieve its financial target simply by increasing prices or reducing services, and postal management has had a good turn. I sympathized with the Post Office during their long clerical strike, and sent them payments considerable recourse to both on account of my delayed bill. In fact, the total I paid them these expedients in recent years. And in discussing their price increase proposals they were unable to give us any firm assurances about improvements

wrote them a friendly letter at once explaining that the bill had already been more than it fell last summer and we look paid forward to seeing some hard I d

I did not expect a reply, and didn't get one. But some weeks late a red-printed letter arrived plan on which the business is telling me sternly that my bill currently embarked. But customers are entitled to expect unless I paid up. I at once Middleser.

I expected a reply to that one,

I expected a reply to that one, and quickly. But there was silence for a week or so, reflecting perhaps difficulties elsewhere in getting letters delivered. Then a printed postcard arrived, telling me they had my letter, which would receive attention. There was then a further silence, broken by a telephone call from a young lady who told my wife that it was all a mistake, and that they would be writing.

Write they did. A curreprinted note arrived telling me that despite their reminders.

that despite their reminders, my bill remained unpaid; the were now going to disconnect my telephone. If I had paid any-thing recently, I had better ring them up pretty smartly and tell

Far from pleased, I tried to ring them up. But the number they had given me seemed to be permanently engaged. Evenwas more than I owed. I wondered at the time if their
accounting system could cope
with this. In fact, one the end
of the strike a bill arrived. I
mistake, and they would be

I await their letter. I shall not be surprised if it arrives on the same day that someone else disconnects my telephone. I am, Sir, Your Obedient Servant.

W. E. FITZSIMMONS.

Export business lost in this way would only fuel inflation costs at home, he argued.

Export business lost in this society. The withdrawal symptons would be severe but they had to be endured if the

Mr Parkinson, who was nation was to recover from clearly taken aback by Mr years of living in a "fool's Harrison's directness, suggested paradise".

Oil prices set Finland back

Economists at the Organiza-tion for Economic Cooperation the December oil price and Development (OECD) increases, the "mechanical"

economic recovery in 1979 will lower growth of gross domestic be partly wiped out by the product (gdp) and a deteriora-

increases in the oil price tion of the current external decided at the meeting in account this year.

Caracas last December of the Before the Caracas decisions,

Organization of Petroleum they were predicting a slowing Exporting Countries. they were predicting a slowing in the year-on-year growth rate

survey of the Finnish economy, cent in 1980—one of the highest using information available in rates in the OECD—from 7.2 November, the OECD forecasper cent in 1979 because of

ters say that although they are weak demand for exports

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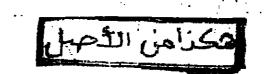
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Waiting for BAT's strategy to pay off

pointing. Of course the strength of sterling has done the figures no good. Operating profits, at £502m, are some £48m lower than they would have been on constant exchange rates. But even allowing for that the group's performance has been rather worse than most expectations.

The explanation seems to lie in the tobacco division, where a combination of low volume growth (particularly in the important United States and German markets), rising costs and price controls have left profits 10 per cent down at the operating level. Thanks largely to the acquisition of Appleton, profits of the paper division or Appleton, profits of the paper division are 65 per cent ahead; and the retail side has produced a surprisingly good 42 per cent advance at the operating level, though the overall margin on sales is still pathetic at

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just over 2 per cent.
With this division benefiting from a good Christmas, and tobacco, paper, printing and packaging all holding their ground, operat-



Mr Peter Macadam, chairman of BAT Industries.

ing profits for the final three months of this 15-month operating period ought, if anything, to be better than those of the corresponding period.

However, the questions for BAT's shareholders now concern, not the immediate future—though there is a handsome stream of income to look to in that period, with the group declaring a third interim dividend 18 per ceut higher than the final last year, plus a special payment of 7p a share gross in respect of the extra three months—60 much as the longer-term outlook, and in particular, how long it will be before the non-tobacco industries can supply the growth which tobacco patently cannot.

Over the past 12 months their contribution to operating profits has increased from 30 to 37 per cent; and though the growth in paper profits may slow this year, it looks as though the retailing division may at last, start performing as it should. All the same, there is no reason to expect much excitement in the shares—down 8p to 263p yester-day, for an annualized yield of 9.4 per cent —in the foreseéable future.

Asda

Support for

Interim profits of £22.5m from Associated Dairies are at the top end of market expects tions and should help stop the rot which hasset into retail food shares since the year-end. The acquisition of Allied Retailers means that Asda's latest figures are not strictly comparable with the stated previous total of £15.1m, but a divisional breakdown shows that growth has not faltered as a result of last year's expansionary moves.

Allied's profits have jumped 47 per cent to £4m on a turnover increase of 23 per cent to £52 5m, while the original Asda has boosted profits 31 per cent to £17.6m on a 22 per cent sales gain to £385m.

Here a third of a point improvement in margins gives further evidence of the profits consolidation which has followed the last industry price-war and perhaps illustrates why the major chains are not afraid of reopening promotional hostilities.

Full-year figures could be 30 per cent ahead at around £53m but thereafter Asda's glamour status could face its greatest test. The cost of the group's major push in to

Results from BAT Industries for the 12 the south; the possible effect on cash flow months to the end of September are disapprovisions and prospects for consumer spending generally could all conspire in the market's view to put the brakes on growth.

Certainly Asda's future expansion is not going to be quite as explosive without the benefit of stock relief but cash generation would still be such to make the possibility of a really savage price war between the

Up 2p to 178p yesterday the shares are selling on a likely p/e ratio of 13 and a yield of only 3.7 per cent, given the likelihood of three times covered payment.

Allied Textiles

Riding the recession

By the look of it Allied Textiles has found profitable and recession-proof niche at the specialized, up-market end of the textile business. Thus, profits were maintained last year at £3.2m and efficiency improved since sales are 11 per cent down at £30.6m following the loss of Iranian business. Most important though, as a result of the rationalization carried out over the past five years (which effectively saw Allied withdraw from bulk textiles areas) it has eliminated debt and ended up with cash of £3.8m at end September. Since Allied also has bank facilities of about £6m it is obviously in a position to make acquisitions. This is where These payments have no the textiles recession could work to its impact on the government's

A policy which Allied has successfully used in the past (with Moxon in 1971 and with Scottish suitings group, Reid and Taylor) is to pick up promising subsidiaries of larger groups which run into trouble.

The prospect, then, is for further steady

progress helped by the odd strategic acquisition along the way. That is more than most second-line textile groups can offer over the next couple of years, and there is plent of support in a dividend yield of 11.6 per cent, after a 20 per cent increase in the payment, with the shares at 89p. One to stay with-on the record alone. .

Interest rate

fears

Ine past few days have brought little encouragement from the international scene for those anticipating a drop in domestic interest rates around Budget time. Bond markets world-wide have come under the most intense pressure. Yesterday, after a short breather, dollar bonds were sliding again, and many have fallen by three or more points over the past week.

In the Deutschmark sector price falls have been nothing like so steep but two foreign bond issues last week had to have their coupons increased to get away successfully. The Bundesbank is persisting with its right money policies and there are now few hopes that interest rates will ease back in Germany before the second half of the

In Switzerland, meanwhile, the bond worse than the dollar sector. Prime quality long-term foreign bonds are now yielding over 6.2 per cent, close to double the level of a year ago and one new issue which was recently priced at par was trading yesterday

One significant feature of this general deterioration is that while it has effectively driven the Eurodollar bond market underground it has not had any apparent impact upon the ability of the Dm or Swiss franc sectors to continue supplying funds to

foreign borrowers.

Dollar issues so far this year have totalled only just over \$400m while the other two markets have both provided well over \$600m equivalent each. Counting the "Carter bond" issues, the German market volume totals almost \$1,800m to account for 55 per cent of all international issues. The dollar, by contrast, accounts for a mere 12) per cent, a far cry from the two thirds market share it averaged in 1979 as a

Economic notebook

Which definition of public spending?

by saying that such spending payments. It commented in its lay "at the heart of Britain's present economic difficulties." Over the last ten years many people have moved towards such a view. But the term influenced by the course of the public spending" can be misleading. What do people mean when they call for a reduction in the government's spending? Some people clearly mean a cut in the size of the government bureaucracy. Others are

thinking of the control which the government has over the nation's resources and still others of whatever it is that leads the government to raise taxes or borrow. Governments have made

minor changes in the definition of spending which they use. But there is a major change which would make sense both for practical reasons of planning and control and on

economic grounds.
At present the £70,000m or so which is thought of as public spending includes all so-called transfer payments. These are payments made directly by the government (or in some cases local authorities) to individuals or companies who may spend the money as they will. They include most importantly pensions, unemployment benefits and other social security payments.

claims on the real resources in the economy.

the share of British output which is in the public sector should exclude transfers from their calculations. They are quite different in their impact on the economy from direct government spending on goods and services.

If the government decides to

build a hospital or employ more teachers it is making a direct claim on resources of labour and capital and determining what these should produce and how. When it pays a retired person a pension it is merely financing the consumption of that person without having con-trol over what the person buys. This is not to say that such transfer payments are in some way costless or unimportant. Government's are interested not merely in the direct resource cost of their spending but in its money costs and thus its effect on their finances. The pension money has to be raised through taxes or borrowed, just as does the cash for the teachers or hos-

Reasons

The present Government has given at least two different kinds of reasons for its desire to cut back public spending. In its November White Paper it talks about "limiting the resources devoted to our public services". Both this and the idea of freeing resources for the private sector make sense if the spending being talked about is direct spending

on goods and services. The Government also, however, justifies plans to limit its spending on the grounds that it wishes to cut public borrow-ing and bring down income taxes if possible. Simple arithmetic shows that to do so it must hold down its spending. On this argument it does not matter what kind of spending is at stake. What matters is how easy it is to finance.

This strand of thinking is most clearly influencing the Government now, in its deliberations over spending for next year and until 1983-84. The Prime Minister has given a broad hint that social security payments will not be spared the spending axe this time round.

Only three months ago the

The Government opened its last Government followed the ortho-White Paper on public spending dox line on these transfer security spending would reflect the numbers who qualified for and claimed the benefits. These are in turn

economy and demographic

variations.

Now the Government is about to break the link between benefits, other than pensions, and prices. The real value of the payments will no longer be preserved but will be allowed to shrink to some extent with inflation. This could eventually save a great deal of money. However, a decision to cut the incomes of those on social security is different in kind from one to cut the goods and services provided by the public sector. Paradoxically it probable above companies to the public sector. ably owes something to the special place of such payments in the structure of public spending. This has in earlier years helped to make them inviolate.

Desperation

Government's recent search for spending cuts has been hurried, to say the least, and has had an air of desperation. Cuts last summer after the Chancellor's first Budget, and in November for the White Paper, meant that there were not easy or obvious targets left.
The huge social security budget
suddenly looked tempting.
Cuts in departmental and local authority spending pro-grammes are hard to make partly because the programmes are the sum of many decisions. The plans for the programmes are determined over a period of time. Ideally, they should not be chopped and changed at short

The decisions to increase spending usually represent an explicit commitment to provide more, or better services, and to devote more real resources to

this. On the contrary, social security transfer payments have increased over the years to some extent independently of government decisions. Current grants from government to the personal sector have risen in real terms by about four fifths in the last six years, compared with a rise of 15 per cent in the public sector wage bill and less than 10 per cent in the Government's other current spending.
Governments have to accept that they cannot control social security payments from year to year. The economic cycle determines how many people are out of work and thus eligible for

In a similar way—though with the opposite effect on government spending—the cycle affects transfer payments from government to industry. Subsi-dies for investment, for example, are not taken up when companies expect demand to be too low.

Even those in the government who are most concerned to hold down borrowing have now accepted that they should not In the space of less than a could well sees owners moving announced his decision it was in their borrowing in recession years when tax revenues fall and spending on social security

They should go further and take many transfer payments out of the present annual spending exercise. It would make better sense to set them alongside tax estimates in the

Their economic effects are more akin to tax payments and decisions about them can be implemented in a similar time scale. These could then be made alongside those for tax rates and allowances.

In a rational world, of course. all spending and revenue plans would be laid out together— especially when the government was keen to control the differ-ence between them.

Caroline Atkinson

Confusion for western companies in Moscow

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Moscow
President Carter's ban on the
export of high technology to
the Russians and the package of measures announced recently by Lord Carrington, the British Foreign Secretary, have caused confusion for British and American companies trading with the Russians. The result may be to give the French and Wtsz GErmans a long-term advantage in export-ing to the Soviet Union.

The measures have also left Soviet officials wondering whether the deteriorating political atmosphere in the wake of the Afghanistan affair will put further barriers in the way of trade with leading western countries. At present, however, the Russians are doing their best to assure western business representatives in Moscow that is far as they are concerned, it s business as usual.

Many companies exporting to the Russians are not sure what equipment is defined as being "high technology" and what willb e refused an export licence under the Carter ban.

The Russians in turn are waiting to see which areas of trade will be affected, and are hesitating in signing or dis-cussing contraccts without firm assurances that the goods willb For companies specializing

in computers, electronics and automatic equipment, the American ban is potentially disastrous. Representatives from such American firms as some 1400m worth of export
IBM and Sperty-Univac have redits in any case. But future
already been summound home credits will be less generous,
from Moscow for urgent conwith higher interest rates and
sultations, and their offices considered only on a case by
have virtually stopped doing case basis.

Britain's decision to take a stive over here in h

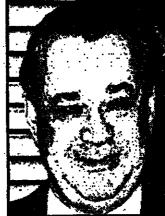
business here. In 1978 IBM sold the Russians 518m worth of equip-ment. There is o real fear that if the ban is continued indef-initely the cospasy would be forced out of the Soviet mar-

ket.

British high technology companies are similarly affected, as almost o ll use American components. A cimpany such as ICL needs to get a re-export licence briore it can sell any good which include American components. And President corter has announced an indefinite delay on issuing thtse licences.

For ont spicialized British company which sends more than half oll its exports to the Soviet Union, the American measures could have a crippling effect, quest Automation, a small by dynamic company, one of only six British cofpanies to have o permanent accredited office in Mosciw, uses an Americon cimputer for draughting its systems. For Quest there is no coofu-sion. It has been made clear

that the American components in their products will not get a re-txport l icence, and they have had to stop trading. "All



Patolichev, Russian Nikolai for Foreign Trade: planning investments for next five years.

we can do ot the moment is update systems already instelled, using British components", the Moscow representative said.

make the otmosphere fore dif-ficult for Auglo-Soviet trade in The ending pext month of the

Britain's decision to take a hard look at the list of goods subject to strategic embargo may have a considerable longterm effect. The review, to be carried out with Cocom, the coordinating committeethat groups Japan with alal Nato countries except Iceland in deciding what not to export, is

the trade measures against the Russians. Indeed one of the largest, ICI, this week formally opened its Moscow office at a reception that included the British ambassador and Soviet

ICI has been trading with the Russians for 20 years, and is a large importer from the Soviet Union as well as exporter. The company will e buying large quantities of their hard-c methanol when the £140m allowances. plant at Tomsk, now being Bur with built by a British company Davy International, is brought into operation. ICI sees a large potentil Soviet market in agri-Trade in areas of this kind has not been affected. British businessmen report that the

Russians are particularly friendly and cooperative at the moment, anxious to make a clear distinction between the poor political relations they have with Britan Britain and the development of trade

relamns. Shortly before the Afghanistan intervention Britain again urged the Russians to take up their unused credits and intheir unused credits and increase imports. A senior delegation, headed by Mr Cecil Parkinson, Minister for Trade, came to Moscow to discuss a range of economic fields in which Britain could compete favourably for contracts, including energy, oil exploration and agriculture. In the light of the subsequent American embargos all will be more vital now to the Soviet Union.

Anglo-Soviet trade, however, has not done wel recently as

has not done wel recently as far as Britain is concerned.

Lase year showed one of the
largest imbalances ever, with
the Russiafs exporting £409.9m ponents", the Moscow representative said.

The British m easures on trade with the Russians, announced last wek, will have less immediate impact but may make the otmosphere fore difference of the same of the sa

liatory measures, the Russials are stalling on negotiations with western companies.

The Soviet Union was put in a diffucult postition in december when the American £950m credit arrangements set 'december when the American rompany zarmco withdrew 1975 will not affect any contracts now being negotiated, as the Russians failed to take up some £400m worth of export the Russia's will now have to the first than t

However, there are very many French and West German companies already waiting, some even with representatives over here in Moscow hotels, to see whether any deals that fall through as a result of the Americaf embargos can be diverted theur way.

Two years ago a similzr situntion arose after the trials of leading Soviet dissidents. Presideciding what not to export, is dear Carter then ordered the expected to take at least six cancellation of a computer months.

Some British companies her not so far felt any effects from he eventually changed his the trade measures against the mind and awlowed the contract to go through it was too late the American company: the French had already sold the Russiats one instead, which has now been delivered.

Few large compacts are now being negotiated by the Rus-sians with any foreign companies at present as the five-year plan is ending and the Russians have already spent their hard-currency investment

allowances.

Bur within a year the Ministry of Foreign Trade, headed by the redoubtable Nikoai Patolichev, and other Soviet buying organizations will be planning their investments for the next five years. Michael Binvon

Shipping: less room now for optimism

dark clouds have month appeared over the world's shipping markets, and the chinks of light which last year were beginning to pierce the gloom are receding once again. The shipping markets, always

volatile, have yet to register fully the impact of the distinctly fully the impact of the distinctly children temperature between East and West, which has resulted from the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and President Carter's retaliatory embargo on American grain exports to the Soviet Union. That action, on top of the unresolved political crisis in Iran, the oil price leapfrogging by members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Coun-tries in the wake of the organization's inconclusive con-ference in Caracas and the general move into recession have sent the shipping com-panies scurrying in search of

futurologists.

Add to that the high level of world oil stocks—estimated at the equivalent of 75 days' supply—built up in advance of the Caracas conference and the mild winter (so far) in the United States and Northern Europe and there is a less than optimistic air about forecasts for the rest of this year in the

tanker market. Mr Andrew Carpenter, of Mr Andrew Carpenter, of London shipping consultants H.P. Drewry, who has just completed a detailed assessment for the tanker market over the rest of 1980 said yesterday: "I do not see 1980 being as good a year for the tanker owners as last year and I think that we

back their very large crude carriers into lay-up benths. The only bright spot at the moment is in the market for smaller

The outlook, then, looks gloomy and for the very large tankers the rates for single voyages on the spot market have come down from Worldscale 46 in December to about Worldscale 421. (These figures are based on the newly revised rate schedule.) The expectation is that the downward trend will continue. At the present rate level the

operators of large tankers are more than covering their opera-ting and voyage costs, but if the rate falls below Worldscale the rate falls below Worldscale
35 and the tankers are slow
steaming (which a large number
are) their operation becomes
uneconomic. The conventional
wisdom is that the market is
likely to stabilize at about
present levels for the first half of the year and possibly dip in the second half.

Laid up tanker tonnage at the end of last year amounted to some 16 million tons deadweight. That included a fair volume of tankers being used for oil storage but marked a substratic drug from the more substantial drop from the more than 30 million tons idle at the end of 1978.

Many of the hopes for better

prospects, or at least a main-tenance of the improved climate which developed last year were pinned on the strength of the grain market. The embargo on exports to the USSR has shattered those hopes and has forced people to think again.

Before President Carter

estimated that in the crop y so far the USSR had bought more than 18 million tonnes of grain and about 1 million tonnes of soyabeans for ship-ment in the course of 1980. About 8 million tonnes of this are unaffected by the embargo because they are covered by a five-year grain agreement between the two countries. But shapping experts estimate that about 17 million tonnes of American grain could be affected by the embargo. On that basis a large tonnage of chartered ships could come

back on to the market and this, according to H. P. Drewry "represents a real threat to freight rate stability" There is another potential knock-on effect: a number of large combined carriers have been engaged in the grain trade; if they become free, owners will want to place them on the cil market increase. on the oil market, imposing a further depressant on the

tacker sector.

The waknown element in the equation is the role which Argentina may play—and may already be playing—in making up the shorifall in grain deliveries from the United States with its own sales to the Soviet Union.

The United States has already appealed unsuccessfully to Argentina to halt shipments to the USSR.
That politically sensitive deci-

sion would bolster the dry cargo market and ensure that at least it was not thrown back into turmoil with the release of surplus shipping tounage.

Peter Hill

Business Diary: Inns are caught • Gold diggers of 1980

Gone are the days when business visitors arriving on sales trips in the Gulf states had to sleep two or more to a room.

According to hotelier Erwin.

Rieck, who was in London yesterday, hotels out there are now so short of guests that bulk customers such as airlines are thrown into the ring but so far thrown into th so short of guests that bulk customers such as airlines are being offered discounts of up to

two-thirds.
Rieck, president of the European division of Ramada Hotels, told Business Diary yesterday that a runaway building boom has taken the Gulf from hotel shortage to overcapacity in a Ramada, the third biggest

hotelier in the world after Hilton and Sheraton, has eight hotels in Gulf countries, among them Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Abu Dhabi and Sharjah. "We're throwing in breakfast

now and improving facilities like entertainment," says Rieck, a 37-year-old German. He doesn't see much chance of tourism taking up the slack. In the United States, Ramada, which is based at Phoenix, Arizona, is getting out of highway-based motels and turning casinos as well as to

Rieck, for example, is talking about two London sites (he would like a "flagship" hotel here) and is considering possibilities in Bristol, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Manchester.

Since both the Good Food Guide, edited by Christopher Driver, and the Good Hosel Guide, edited by Hilary Rubinstein, are to be published by the Consumers' Association this pear, the two editors thought it would be wise to lunch that they cannot agree where pay for it. they should go.

thrown into the ring but so far there is no outright favourite. One titier might be that of Ivor Elms, chairman of Abta's Retail Agents' Council who runs an agency in Tottenham, north London, and Norman Richardson, an agent and former mayor of Durham.

On the tour merators' front former mayor of Durham.
On the tour operators front
there could be challenges from
Francis Higgins, assistant
managing director of Thomson
Travel, Eric Sutherland, deputy
chief executive of Olympic
Holidays, and Ken Franklin,
deputy managing director of
Horizon and chairman of the
association's Tour Operators'
Council.

Council. The new president will find Mrs Hook a hard act to follow. She has shown herself particu-larly adept at balancing the often conflicting views of the trade's two sectors—the shop-keepers and the salesmen—

O Victor Ross, the chairman of Reader's Digest, thinks consumer protection can be carried too far: His firm has just published an impressive tome of 736 pages 750,000 words and more than 100 charts and diagrams, called You and Your Rights. It costs

£11.95 and is sent out on

approval to people who respond

to direct mail shots promoting What alarms Ross is the it would be wise to lunch what alarms ross is the together to discuss a joint press number of people who ask for the book, keep it and do not that they cannot agree where pay for it. We have very that they cannot agree where sophisticated systems of gredit destination



Margaret Hook

and has done much to improve the industry's public standing. Only her reluctance to change Only her reluctance to change Abta rules prevented her standing for a fourth term.

Mrs Hook, deputy chairman of the Edinburgh-based holiday company. Barr and Wallis Arnold Trust, says: "It has helped having a woman as president because one above

president because one always gets the benefit of the doubt. Of course, one doesn't take advantage of it." control", he told Business Diary yesterday, "but 3 per cent of the books end up as bad debts in spite of everything we can do. Rampant consumerism has contributed to the idea that the consumer can make any small thing an excuse for not meeting his contractual obliga-

Alas: there is worse news yet. You and Your Rights, a commendably lucid A to Z of the law, has proved especially popular among the criminal classes. One third of all the review copies dispatched failed to arrive at their intended

prospectors, most of them oneman bands but including the Lonrhos and the RTZs, are His Welsh wizardry with words checking out the old gold work- did not fail him, but his checking out the old gold workings that litter the countryside. memory did. The Ministry of Mines has published a pamphlet listing the names and sites of more

than 1,000 dormant mines Rhodesia is one of the few countries in the world where independent prospectors can still operate with reasonable freedom. A prospecting licence can be obtained for less than

"There has been very little prospecting during the past few years because the war made it difficult to get into the countryside", Alan Marsh, president of the Rhodesian Chamber of Mines and consulting engineer for Lonrho told Business Diary. "However, I think we should see quite a bit of

activity now. "
Gold production figures have been secret for the past 14 years of sanctions, but Marsh reckons that total production last year was somewhere be-tween 10 and 14 tons which would put Rhodesia in about seventh place in the world pro-duction league. Although output has not increased much, the rise in the

gold price means that gold is again the main foreign exchange corner among the 40 Rhodesian minerals. Marsh estimates that gold sales were worth more than Rhodesian \$80h last year (over a quarter of the total value of mineral production)

and should be well in excess of Rhodesian \$120m this year.

The ceasefire and the soaring gold price have set off a gold rush in Rhodesia. Dozens of prospectors, most of them onepromotional film written by and starring Sir Huw Weldon. Caressing the ash woodwork

used extensively in the Halifax's headquarters building and reminiscing about the peculiar Englishness of building reminiscing about the peculiar Englishness of building societies, he said, parenthetically, that it was Housman "of course" who said that "Oak, and Ash, and Thorn" were the greatest trees of Old England. Wrong, Sir Huw. That was Kipling.

Never mind. Sir Huw had his chance later when a voice from the invited audience asked

from the invited audience asked hi mhad he forgotten advice from the Merchant of Venice, "Neither a borrower nor a lender be", in accepting the Halifax assignment. "Hamlet", corrected Sir Huw. The one correct quotation of the day came from the Halifax's chairman, Sir Raymond Potter. Reflecting on the origins of building societies in either pubs or chapels, he did not mis-

Halifax's own beginnings in the Old Cock Inn. " Malt does more than Milton To justify God's way to man."

quote Housman when with some

satisfaction he referred to the

Politics can be a thankless business. Mrs Thatcher, the daughter of a greengrocer, has risen to be Prime Minister of a nation of shopkeepers, yet a sale noster in a shop in The Strand, London, urges customers to "Beat Thatcher the Snatcher".

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Ross Davies

We announce with deep sorrow the death of William Morris our beloved friend and Partner Salomon Brothers January 25, 1980

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Stock markets

Profit-taking hits equities and gilts

day in early dealings on and the tone was soft.
thoughts of dear oil, strong Even so, dealers are strleing and high hopes of an earl ysteel peace. Gains of up to a in long gilts soon appeared. But little business was done and profit-takers moved in. Even so, gains of an l at the short end, and of up to I at the long end were still evident by early

But, at the close, the funds were well off with losses of an to across the board. The indigestion caused by recent indigestion caused by recent heavy new issue sales is easing, but feers of United States prime rates crawling upwards persist, despite 1979 showing the smallest United States trade deficit in three years.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chancellor, gave nothing away in his speech yesterday. He said that minimum lending rate would only be lowered as money supply in general came under control. Bank lending was one "element" among others in money supply, an dit must be reduced. But he coud not put a figure on what the authorities would regard as a desirable monthly rate of bank leanding.

The next set of bank lending figures (for the month to mid-December) are expected to show strength once again, so dealers interpreted the Chancellor's words as disheartening. Losses at the close ranged

from £4 to £4.

Like gilts, shares started well and, again like gilts, profittaking set in. In the case of ordinary shares, leaders were winded by disappointing results from BAT. The FT index began

Even so, dealers are not at present expecting a big fall until the day after the Budget, when they suspect that investors will feel free to sell shares once the provisions helping shares in the Budget are

Leading industrials which had begun to slide earlier in the day were not helped by the disappointing inttrim figures from

Operators are keenly awaiting details of the KCA issue. The impression is that Mr Paul Bristol's company will keep 40 per cent of the £1 shares, and offer the rest (45m) with preference to KCA shareholders at 50p a time. Berkeley North Sea is an oil-in-the-ground stock; there will be no profits or yield, but these are not the name of the game, KCA are

BAT Industries which sent the share price retreating 8p to 263p. Reed International, which reported earlier in the week, fell by a similar amount to 199p, which in turn hit Bowater 6p to 172p.

Elsewhere, falls included Unilever 6p down at 464p, Fisons 5p to 287p, while ICI at 385p and Beecham at 131p, both showed losses of 4p.

Among companies reporting F. Pratt Engineering spurted 10p to 62p after sout pleasing full-year figures, as did Bank Leumi UK to 120p, but Syltone remained overshadowed by the threat of another High Street

price war. Other food groups remaining nervous, included J. Sainsbury 5p off at 293p, Linfood 1p easier 5p off at 293p, Linfood 1p easier pany at 138p a share. However, at 156p and Kwik Save Discount BCA was quick to emphasize 3p down at 107p. Tesco were that while it may increase the take to 10 per cent, it had no firm at 65½p. intention of launching a full-

Electrical shares continued to draw the most attention among industrials on hopes of a sizeble increase in defence spending. However, most were easier in after hours with several finishing on the bottom.

GEC closed 6p off at 354p, afer 365p, Plessey was 1p lower at 131p, after 136p with Fer-ranti managing to hold on to earlier sizeable gains with a rise of 13p to 472p. Racal retreaeted 5p to 237 after 245p, while its stable-mate Decca dipped 5p in the ordinary at 380p and 10p in the "A" at

Company
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Allied Text (F)
Assoc Dairies (F)
BAT Inds (b)
British Land (I)
Darjan Hidgs (I)
Jackson Maddock (F)
Manson Finance (I)
Oceana Cons (I)
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Oceana Cons (I)
Pratt Eng (F)
Syltone (I)
W. Sommerville (I)

was 10p higher at 296p on reports of new price rises which helped Tunnel Holdings 6p to Second-liners were sought after with Electrocomponents Recent impressive figures

Dairies dipped 4p to 172p as an 8p better at 488p and Standard and a scrip issue from IDC acceptable set of interim figures Telephone 10p higher at 256p. Group continued to attract support, with a further rise of On the bid scepe, Caffyns, a speculative stock of late, climed-18p to 176p and further interest 7p to 172p after the announcement that British Car Auctions, in its oil operations lifted IC Gas 13p to 703p. unchanged at 65p, had taken a 71 per cent stake in the com-

Mr Frank Narby's latest sale of shares in Furness Withy to

Rumours persist of a bid jor seat belts maker to motor trader, BSG International. The company says no approaches have been made. The market gossips about Lourho but some lismiss the idea. BSG shares closed last night 3 up at 30 p.

below 10 per cent boosted the share price by 4p to 241p. Equity turnover on January 29 was £115.986m (18,054 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, gains, here such systems, according to the Exchange Telegraph, were Imperial Continental Gas, Ocean Transport & Trading, Lucás, Reed International, BP, BP new, KCA International, Shell, Blue Circle, CEC. Bacal and Consolidated GEC, Racal and Consolidated Gold Fields.

Business appointments

New deputy

chairman

for Taylor

Woodrow

Mr N. C. Baker has been appointed deputy chairman and joint managing director of Taylor Woodrow Construction:

Woodrow Construction:

Mr Ian W. Dunlop has been appointed by The Royal Bank of Scotland to be general manager (northern region), from March 1. Mr Alexander J. Reld will become general manager (southern region), and Mr J. S. Yuill is to be general manager (Glasgow).

Mr George F. Gray has been appointed a director of the main board of British Electric Traction.

Mr George Murray has been

Shares of BTR-slipped 1p to

338p yesterday, amod rumours

that it was about to make a bid

for Serck, unchanged at 49p,

which some observers believe is now at the bottom of its

Armitage Shanks improved 11p to 98p after news that

Ceramic Investment had in-creased its stake to 25 per cent following the agreed bid from Blue Circle. Blue Circle itself

scale bid.

Latest	results			
Profits Em 3.25(3.22) 22.0(14.1) 0.42(0.43) 1.0(0.3) -(-) 0.68a(0.24) 427.0(316.0) 0.03(0.04) 0.83(0.95)	Earnings per share 25.5(22.4) 5.99(4.32)()()() 2.2(1.6) 1.16(1.61)()	Div pence 4.42(4.42) 2.0() 6.5(5.12) -() 1.22(1.17) -() 1.50(1.5), -() 3.8(3.53)	Pay date 1/4 11/3 1/4 () 28/3	-(-) -(-) -(-) 6.0(5.36)
0.82(0.7)	-(-)	1.8(1.5) -	28/3 ·	()

-(-) --(--) 18.3(16.9) 8.6(6.8) 2.9(2.7) 0.17(0.18) 0.55(0.551 from BAT. The FT index began by rising 1.7 on the 10 am finished the day unchanged at are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.428: Profits are shown at 1 pm. At the finish, the fall to 40p but, in foods, Associated

Jackson Maddock completes US sale

Ceramics group Jackson Maddock has now completed the sale of its profitable American arm in order to save the two United Kingdom manufacturing factories in Stoke. Losses at Stoke pushed the group's results for the year to une last year into the red by £687,600 against a profit of £247,000. The company has passed the dividend for that

Jackson Maddock has sold its United States Ceramix group-which included 100 per cent owned Jackson, 81 per cent owned Abco, and 17 per cent of Salem Glass to Grindley Stoke (Ceramics), part of New man Industries, for a total of £1.7m in cash and shares. Managing Director, Mr David Pearl, said that the sale would them with borrowings £400,000 against net tangible assets at the end of June last

assets at the end of June last year of fim.

Mr Pearl added: "It will now be possible to remove a significant proportions of the group's central overheads. Both United Kingdom manufacturing operations have been reorganized, productivity has signifi-cantly increased and recent trade has been encouraging in spite of the general weakness of the market." In May last year, the group

had a rights issue raising £427,000. The directors, holding around 25 per cent of the shares subscribed in full. Jackson Maddock is currently working on its half-time state-

British Land's first payout for 5 years

Land in the six months to Sep at £73m, net of cash which tember 30, 1979, surged ahead reduces gearing, to around 33 from a previous £255,000 to per cent. Reflecting this reduce from the interest debit has gone there is no breakdown of the figures at the interim stage the £5.6m. market had difficulty in guaging the results and marked the half, of the Dorothy Perkins

PARCH IN ARREST TWENTY TO THE THE

shares 2p lower to 71p. Director for John Weston Smith admits that both rental and industrial income improved during the period with, on the industrial side, Crowther Brickmakers and Bux Corrugated Containers continuing to pros-

For the first time in five years the group, headed by Mr John Ritblat, is returning to the shareholders will receive a gross dividend of 0.357p giving a pros-pective yield of 0.5 per cent However, Mr Ricolat con-tinues to emphasize that British Land is not a high yield but an asset growth stock,

down from a previous £6.9m to

The sale, during the second subsidiary realised a further £9.8m over the book value and 74, freehold or long leasehold Burton properties. Some of these are now being sold and Mr Smith admits that the group is getting substantially better. prices than had been expected.
In the current year British Land has spent, or committed, £14m on property purchases and developments and has other projects in the pipeline. Included in these is the office and shop development at Clapham in London likely to cost over filom. This is currently being held up by the trigh cost of money and rapid increase in building costs.

Higher interest rates hit Lombard North Central

Higher interest rates have queezed profits at Lombard

The main problems came on the credit side where a 3 per-cent increase in Lombard's own

credit and equipment leasing group's accounting treatment substidiary of National West of equipment held for leasing minster Bank. Tombard revealed yesterday resulted in a profits boost of that profits pre-tax in the 12 fs.6in. For the previous year, months to September 30 feet by more than fin to £26m. The group's reserves in-creased last year by £89.6m to

borrowing costs had a "sub-stantial impact" on profits facts impact on profits from fixed cate all warres.

Meanwhile, a change in the

WM SOMMERVILLE

Although turnover of William, Sommerville and Son rose from: 52.74m to £2.93m in the half-year, to November 30, pre-tax profits fell from £189,000 to £175,000. Interim payment, 0.78p gross (same), Prospects for second half-year "poor" board reports.

UKO International to acquire optical businesses and connected assets of Levers Optical (Manufacturing) and Willesden optical works.

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PORTALS HOLDINGS

MANSON FINANCE

Pre-tax profit for half-year to September 30 fell from £49,000

Board has agreed to acquire Wright Chemical Corporation of Chicago for £2.2m tash. Wright makes and sells speciality chemicals for water treatment in United States.

Group revenue of Manson Fin-ance Trust for the half-year to October 31 rose from £1.25 to

lank Bas

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Although turnover of, William,

Mr Ferguson Lacey may clinch Lonrho deal

City entrepreneur Mr Graham Ferguson Lacey was believed last night to be close to clinch-ing a deal which would give a private United States company he controls, a 19 per cent stake in international trading giant Lourho. It is understood that he has

already reached agreement in principle with the potential sellers, the Gulf Fisheries Co of Kuwait and a statement is expected on Friday. Earlier this week, a spokesman for Mr Ferguson Lacey said that the purchase could be completed in a week "if terms are agreed". Last night, Gulf Fisheries London office, Gulf International, said there was no one available to comment on the Lonrho situation ".

Meanwhile Mr Ferguson Lacey was due to fly off to Bermuda, the base of energy

Mr. Shinbei Konishi, President. Takeda Chemical Industries, Ltd.

than in the corresponding period of 1978.

sales and contributed to the increased profits.

to the achievement of budgeted business results.

Pharmaceutical Products:

Food Products:

Industrial Chemicals:

I would like to report our business operations for the six month period

ended September 30, 1979.
Total sales for the first half of the 1979 fiscal year amounted to ¥216,832

million (\$976,721 thousand), an 11% increase over the corresponding period in 1978. Net carnings rose by 7% to ¥10,526 million (\$47,414

thousand).

The Japanese economy steadily expanded due to the recovery of investment and consumer

domestic demand, principally equipment investment and consumer spending. On the other hand, wholesale prices became considerably

higher as a result of the increase in oil prices and the depreciation of the

In each part of our business operations, competition continued to be

keen. Market conditions were adversely influenced by higher raw material prices and we had to face a very difficult situation, though this

was partially alleviated by the increase in demand and the improvement

of exports related to the depreciation of the Yen. However, as a result

of our strenuous efforts coupled with a decrease in manufacturing costs and other expense saving measures, we were able to record better results

Performances by the various Divisions of the Company are given below:

In 1978, pharmaceutical production in Japan increased 13.7% over the

receious year. One of the primary causes of the increase was the 40 increase of the sale of antineoplastic agents. However, in the first half

of the 1979 fiscal year, the growth rate of pharmaceutical production As a result of our activities to support products with more comprehe information concerning their safety and efficacy, sales reached ¥122.822 million (\$553,252 thousand), up 12,6 over the corresponding period in

Melysin fe", an oral synthetic penicillin, which was newly introduced in

April, and "Benza is Ace", a cold remedy with seratiopeptidase, introduced for sale in September, 1979, both achieved expected good

This Division recorded sales of ¥29.547 million (\$133,095 thousand), up

1° over the corresponding period in 1978.

Regarding our beverage products, sales remained stagmant due to unfavourable summer weather and increased competition.

Sales of our food seasoning products and food additives were better

Sales increased 23% from the corresponding period in 1978 to ¥37,345 million (\$168,221 thousand).

The pressure of manufacturing costs on industrial chemicals was very severe because of the increase in raw material prices. However, supported by brisk demand during the period, we recorded increased sales in our

whole range of products, especially urethane resins and fibreglass reinforced plastics moulding compounds.

The increased sales helped to absorb the rise in raw material costs and led



Mr Graham Ferguson Lacey.

Company has a 24.8 per cent

Before he left, he announced he was taking executive control group Weeks Petroleum in or management which his National Carbonising energy interests which include of

return to London on February

have some indication of reac-tion from the board of plastics group Bernard Wardle, for which his Birmingham and Midland Counties Trust group launched a £4.1m takeover bid on Tuesday at 33p a share. Bernard Wardle directors

were quick to point out yester-day that the bid has not been agreed by the board, as some bad suggested. Recently appointed Wardle chairman Mr Ronald East said: It could not have been agreed.

The board had not even met to discuss it." In fact, it came as a bolt ras taking executive control from the blue to the directors.

National Carbonising's Mr East was asked to call and see Mr Ferguson Lacey at.

Report by Mr. Shinbet Konishi, President, for the six months ended 30th September, 1979

武田薬品工業株式会社

Agricultural Chemicals and Animal Health Products: Sales of agricultural and animal health products totalled ¥25,889 million

As for agricultural chemicals, we had to face difficult situations, including the decrease in rice plant cultivation enforced by the govern-

ment and lower selling prices in general. However, we were able to achieve higher sales through strenuous efforts and an increase in exports

of "Padan's", an insecticide.

Animal health products also showed better sales due to increasing

demand and the contribution of a new product, "Monelan", a feed

Exports recorded sales of ¥13,238 million (559,631 thousand), 31%

above the corresponding period in 1978.

We were able to achieve far better sales because of the depreciation of the

Yen, as well as an increase in export quantities including vitamins in bulk, pharmaceutical specialities and industrial chemicals.

The performance of our subsidiaries abroad was generally satisfactory and other overseas activities are also progressing steadily.

Besides the expansion of existing pharmaceutical production facilities,

we commenced the renovation of our utility and environmental mainten-ance equipment and also the installations in compliance with "Good

Laboratory Practices" requirements.

We also completed in August. 1979, the manufacturing facilities (costing about \(\frac{75}{2000}\) million (\$22.523 thousand)) for cephalosporins at our Hikari Plant, which will be marketed in 1980.

The Management took particular care to promote financial efficiency by monitoring trade receivables and stocks. These policies brought about an

Apart from general economic trends, the business environment which

the Company faces will continue to be severe.

The Management will concentrate every effort in developing new

products, in cutting production costs, in replenishing business activities and in strengthening our overseas activities. We will strive to overcome every difficult condition and will ensure a sound financial position and

further development of the Company.

With regard to the SMON litigation, the first settlement was concluded.

in October, 1977, in the Tokyo District Court. As at the end of September,

1979, settlements have been reached in five district courts with 1,047 plaintiffs as a result of mediation in the courts.

We lost cases in nine district courts but appeals against these decisions

have been made to higher courts. However, in September, 1979, the basic principle was confirmed to settle the SMON litigation with the

Plaintiffs who previously refused to make such settlements.

We hope we shall be able to reach settlements with the other plaintiffs through mediation in the courts and will continue our efforts to this end.

Your continuing support and encouragement of our efforts are highly

increase of cash in hand and the repayment of outstanding loans.

(\$116,617 thousand), 9°, above the corresponding period in 1978.

Takeda Chemical

Industries, Ltd.

Overseas Activities:

Capital Investment:

Financial Operations:

Future Outlook:

a UK rungsten mine, the stake in Weeks, and a small stake in Ranger Oil.

Mr Ferguson Lacey will then travel on to New York and Washington and is expected to Suing a statement," said Mr East.

By that time he could well advisor's S. G. Warburg says ave some indication of reacthe group is considering the statement from BMCT and will make a further announcement as soon as possible pending which shareholders of Bernard Wardle are advised to take no

> The board is expected to meet informally at the end of next year. The next official board meet-

ing is scheduled for February 20, when the group will prepare its annual figures. board of British Electric Traction.

Mr George Murray has been appointed head of group management services for Pilkington.

Mr R. E. Haslehurst has been appointed to the board of Astley & Fearce (Steiling)?

Mr Andrew Cook has been appointed deputy executive Chairman and chief executive of William Cook & Sons (Sheffield).

Mr Jeremy Hardie is to become a director of Unilever Pension Investments. Mr East said: "With the ize of Mr Ferguson Lacey's

holding, it was always on the cards that he might launch a full bid. But it was the way it presented which came out

> Mr Muzzafer Aktas has been appointed a director of Stewart Wrightson (Reinsurance Brokers). Mr R. K. Martin has been appointed managing director and Mr P. D. MacWilliam a director of Scottish Malt Distillers. Mr Graham Fortescue has been appointed sales director and Mr Michael Newmarch a director and investment manager of Vanbrugh

Life Assurance.

Mr Anthony Lumsden-Cook has become chairman and managing director of the board of Lumsden Buckley & Houston, which has been reorganized. Mr Michael Buckley, Mr Anthony Houston and Mr Peter Walker have been made directors, and Mr Hugh Shuttleworth director and secretary. Mr John Perryer and Mr Paul Bartlett have: been appointed associate Life Assurance.

John Perryer and Mr Paul Bartlett have been appointed associate directors.

Dr Andreas Priodi and Mr Bartett Petty will be seconded to Saudi International Bank by Morgan Guaranty on April 1. Dr Prindl will succeed Mr Edgar Felton, who returns to Morgan Guaranty Trust Company in New York. Mr Petty will replace Mr Alfred Vinton, Junior: who will return to Morgan Guaranty to take up new responsibilities. in

take up new responsibilities in London, Mr Malcolm Mackenzie has been appointed director of finance for international Harvester Company of Great Britain.

Woolwich 'running hard to keep up'

By Margaret Stone money stick is shared by all building societies, and the general manager of the Wool difficulties of maintaining an wich Building Society, said yes ferday that the society was: "running desperately hard to This was despite at 16.6 per cent increase in assets in 1979 and a rise in gross receipts from 5917.7m to £1.146m.

Withdrawals, however, rose at a faster rate still, and net receipts of £325.3m, although up on the 1978 total of £265.3m. were actually lower than 1977 when gross receipts were only £817.5m.

The problem of making

egistating for the street of a property of a property of the society lent a record £483.5m, marginally up on the 1978 total, the aumber of advances was lower as 20.007 of advances was lower at 36,987 compared with 43,202 Although, the Woolwich can find no evidence that the 15 per cent rate is, turning away borrowers, or causing existing borrowers distress. Mr Cumming thought that the housing

market had "gone off the boll" and he expected prices to rise by about 15 per cent this year.

Mr Narby sells more of his Furness Withy stake

Mr Frank Narby, until recently chief executive of Eurocanadian Shiphòldings, seems to be anxious to do the right thing by the Department of Trade. If wants his share stake in Furness while; his voting rights are

frozen. Yesterday it was ambounced that Mr Narby's private company, Dolphin Investments, had sold a further 350,000 ordinary shares in Furness Withy on January 29. It is thought that they went at near the market

Industrial and commercial

Industrial and commercial building constructors IDC Group made aftertax profits of £3.4m in the year to October compared with £565,000 the year before. The figure was boosted by a £2.1m tax credit. A total transfer of over £2.8m was made to the profit and loss account due to the provisions of the Finance Act 1979 relating to stock relief for the

relating to stock relief for the years 1973 and 1974.

Tax credit helps IDC

On Monday came the announcement that he had sold 62,500 shares, taking his share stake below 10.99 per cent. By going below 10 per cent Mr Narby has complied with

the Monopolies Commission supulation, but the DTI is adamant that the voting rights are frozen if he tries to enter the Furness boardroom. Various brokers are confident that his shares could be placed

near the market price if he wishes. Possibly auticipating this, Furness shares rose 4p to price. - not fired his last shot. . .

An independent valuation of

An independent valuation of all the group's freehold and long leasehold premises has been carried out and surplus of £2.9m over book values will be

transferred to capital reserves. A scrip issue of three-for-two

is to be made. The total divi-dend is lifted from 14.3p gross

to 16.4p gross for the year.

The company says the current year has started well with

an excellent order book and a

high level of serious inquiries.

But the board stresses that the future is difficult to forecast

£1.86m and pre-tax profits from £316,000 to £427,000. Interim dividend, gross, raised from 1.67p (adjusted) to 2.14p. Mr E. E. Goldie, joint chairman, confident out-turn for year would be favourable.

SUTER ELECTRICAL Co-operative Insurance of Australia has acquired 75,000 ordinary shares making holding 240,000 (7.3 per cent) FINLAY AND CO

James Finlay International, a wholly-owned subsidiary in United wholy-owned subsidiary in United States has acquired a 43 per cent equity stake in Investment Advisers—a Texas based group which provides an investment and portfolio management service.

CHURCHBURY ESTATES

Churchbury Estates is to sell its freehold interest in Hartley House, Easten Rood, Enfield, for C2.27m Net proceeds, after estimated tax and expenses, likely to be about £2m, against book value of £1.8m, SYLTONE

Turnover for half-year to Scptember 30 up from £6.82m to £8.68m and pre-tax profits from £701,000 to £820,000. Interim dividend, gross, 2.57p (2.33p).

DOWTY-HERMAN

Dowty Group has brought Herman Engineering for about £300,000 in cash and shares.

Turnover was up from £35.6m to £44.4m, almost entirely, says chairman Mr Howard Hicks, because of inflation

Dunbee-Combex-Marx

Surviving in toyland at the end of 1978 amounted to £30m and are

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To take an uncharitable view, the current recovery programme at toy group Dunbee-Combex-Marx can be seen as a battle for

Shareholders, who paid 200p for their shares in the mid 1970s have watched the price slide to a current 25p and there is still no guarantee that the slimmed down Sindy Doll to Scalextric maker will grow fat again.

News that the group is to go ahead with the sale of the DIY and industrial side has left

many wondering what will be left of the troubled toy empire ofice the sell-offs have taken place. In 1978 this division made a trading profit of over flm and last year is thought to have turned in around £1.25m.

And this at a time when first-half losses at

Dunbee plunged to a record £5m.

However, the offer for sale—which the group has alighted upon in preference to a form of rights issue—could raise something in the region of £6-£7m. This compares with the market capitalisation of the whole group at just under Although director Mr Peter Lewis admits that shareholders will be given some sort of prefer-

ence when it comes to the tender, Dunbee will be more concerned with "maximising the amount of money that shareholders will receive indirectly " and as such will be looking for the best price for the subsidiary. The profit making industrial and DIY division

includes the wholesale cash and carry depoits which generate finance, and the capital intensive plant hire business plus a plastics merchandis-ing company. Although there will be bidders wanting to take over the whole business, it is thought more likely that Dunbee will hive it off as a separate and only partly-owned company.

The money raised will, however, enable the group to reduce some of its debt. Although the 1979 figures have not been revealed, borrowings

thought to have peaked mid-year-when stocks ore at their highest—at around 250m. With MLR at 17 per cent interest charges are putting an enormous burden on the Dunbee balance sheet. The problems for the group resulted from

The problems for the group resulted from an over-ambicious take-over programme in America. On the back of almost two decades of continuous growth the group decided to conquer the American toy market and proved, to their cost, that playing for high stakes is not much fun when you lose.

To Yelluce its exposure in the US, Dunbee is currently, involved in negotiations with Empire of Galifornia and Leisure Dynamics to sell its Marx and Aurora subsidiaries. If the

sell its Marx and Aurora subsidiaries. If the deals go through—and talks are still taking place—Dunbee will be left with only a 25 per cent stake in Empire, valued at around \$3.6m, of its former American holdings.

At home the outlook is not too healthy either The innovation of the micro chin her either. The innovation of the micro chip has hit the statwarts of the British toy industry as Airfix, with its Meccano subsidiary and Waddington's loss-making Videomaster offshoot have recently proved.

The Christmas trade was not good, though sales of Hornby trains, Sindy dolls and Scalex tric are thought to have weathered the storm.

Although Dunbee is attempting to swim back to shore against the current, none of the headway was made in 1979 and the figures, when they are released later this year are likely to make poor reading. At the pre-tax level, the group will still be heavily in the red and there are likely to be substantial write-offs in

the balance sheet. The shares, at 25p may have little downside left, but they are not a stock for widows and orthors. 18 17 A 18 1

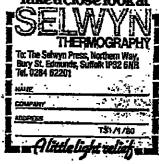
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1979. WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR 1978

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Property, plant and equipment less depreciation		60,813		67,598	shares Capital and revenue reserves		24,951 148,055		25,580 167,556
Investments and advances		37,762		41,693	Net sales		194,817	 -	216,832
Corrent assets Less: Current liabilities	281,989 154,300	127,689	327,888 192,084	135,804	Operating profits Interest, dividends and other		23,589		29,574
Other assets		19,109		19,938	income less interest and other expenses	·	(1,321) 22,268	•	(5,442)
Less: Retitement and severance benefits	50,129	245,373	53,416	265,133	Provision for income taxes Minority interests	12,254 193		13,360 246	24,132
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The interim dividends for the year ending 31st March, 1980, of Y3.75 per share amounting to Y1,919 million are not reflected in the above figures.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS Copper mine

capacity may rise

Copper mine capacity could rise by 20 per cent between now and the middle of the decade without major increases in the London Metal Exchange price, according to a report just out. The possible depressant effect on prices is an unhappy prospect for the mines, especially new ones and those in developing countries and invokes the spectre of another boom-slump cycle in the copper industry. the copper industry.

the copper industry.

The report, prepared by Minerals and Metal Research, forecasts net additions to capacity over the next five years of 1.5 million tonnes. It estimates that in 1979 capacity increased by 6 per cent. On the optimistic forecast that during the first half of the 1980s industrial demand, the chief determinant of copper prices, rises by 3.7 per cent a year on average, the free market price would be about \$1.40 a pound in 1983.

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The state of the s Business in traded options remained at a fairly high level despite the dull conditions experienced in the rest of the market. Total contracts slightly up on Tuesday's figure of 1,022 at 1,030. Leading the field with 231 contracts was BP helped by the sudden interest in oils following the increase in prices by Saudi Arabia. The April 400p series drew most attention followed. by the July 390p scries. Racal continued to feature strongly with 127 contracts.

> Eurosyndicat The Eurosyndicat Index on European share prices was put provisionally at 136.04 on January 22, against 133.37 a week earlier.

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Units of EMI Limited ("EMI") who have not accepted the Offer from Thorn Electrical Industries Ordinary Stock Units of EMI and intends to acquire compulsority the balance under the provisions of Section 209 of the Companies Act 1948. In accordance with the terms of the Otter Thorn and EMI have agreed not to apply for a Listing for the New EMI Ordinary Stock Units in respect of the EMI two-for-one capitalisation issue. Accordingly no Allotters

Wall Street

New York, Jan 30.—Stocks moved narrowly higher in active trading this moving. The Dow Jones industrial average was unchanged and advances led declines five-to-four.

Citles Service picked up 1 to 941. It reported a 5105.2m fourth quarter profit, up from a \$30.5m loss a year cariler. It also split its stock and raised the dividend. Memorex lost 1 to 182. Its December quarter profits fell sharply and it said results could continue under pressure. Ranchers Exploration rose 1 to 521 despite a decline in fiscal second quarter net.

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New York, Jan 29.—Stock prices closed lower, but managed to stage a late recovery after tumbling abruptly in mild-afternoon.

The Dow Jones Industrial average ended at 874.40, down 4.10. It had been down more than 10 points at 3 pm.

Volume rose to 55,480,000 shares from Monday's New York Stock Exchange total of 53,620,000 shares.

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Secured funds commanded 17 per cent virtually throughout. A few balances of insignificant amount were picked up at rates down to 16‡ per cent shortly before the finish, but the rate had firmed again to 17 per cent for

Money Market Rates

Foreign exchange report

The pound kept firm throughout yesterday. After a peak of
2.2680, it closed at 2.2620 against
the dollar, up one cent overall.
while its trade-weighted level rose
to 71.7 from 71.4. Some buying
from the Middle East was again
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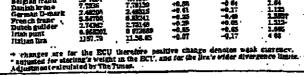
Sterling Spot and Forward



Sterling Other Markets

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EMS European Currency Rates





Group Revenue

Profit after Tax Retained Surplus

Net profit before taxation

The Board have declared an Interim Dividend of 1.50 pence per share net (2.143 pence gross) absorbing Dividend maintained on capital increased by recent £142,000. one-for-three borns issue. Chairman confident that

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Interim Statement 1979

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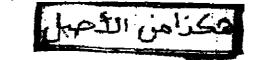
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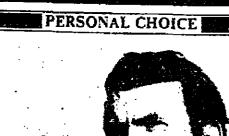
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Victoria Fairbrother and Larry Lamb in Dead Man's Kit (Armchair Thriller, ITV, 8.00)

Reginald Bosanquet, the former news reader for Independent Television, who contributes the first of three films to the BBC's Nationwide tonight (BBC 1, 5.33), is twice-divorced and was a requent target for gossip columnists. Tonight, he deals with the problems facing divorced men and their second wives, especially money worries. His next film will be about gossip writers. I am not sure, though, how deeply he will be able to draw on his own experiences when he presents his third film—about why Britain cannot produce more world-class tennis players. Nevertheless, other reporters will envy Mr Bosanquet for having been given such a subjective brief.

Man Alive (BBC Z, 925) believes a good cherry can stand more than one bite. Over a year ago, it told the story of two soldiers who were serously wounded in Northern Ireland and were practically knocking at Death's door. Their lives were saved by operations performed at Belfast Royal Hospital. Eighteen months later, the two men are still fighting their way took to health and independence and tonight's programme reveals what weapons Lieutenant Paul Currell and Trooper Keith Thompson are using in this battle in which the odds are so heavily weighted against them.

 Michael Hastings's play Murder Rap (BBC 1, 9.25) is about what can happen when the philosophy underlying the old maxim about an Englishman's home being his castle gets out of hand. It's a rum play, wohtwhile though, possibly unique. Ageing resident porter (Arthur Lovegrove) in a block of council flats about to be turned over to Bengalis, refuses to quit, barricades himself in, capitulates, then shoots a West Indian (Larrington Walker) in a fit of anti-black batred. A dotty bigot, then, so there is not much new to be learnt from his side of the story. It is what the West Indiian subsequently does that takes Mi Hastings's ambivalent play into sociological territory that is relatively unexplored.

@I am grateful to the reader who drew my attention to the adaptations which Alan Garner has made of his Stone Book Quartet (Schools, Radio 4 VHF, 2.00). Today brings part three, the Aimer Gate. This is the story, part fact, part invention, of Mr Garner's forebears, going back over 100 years. The primary aim of the schools exercise is to encourage young listeners subsequently to question grown-ups about their early lives and so build up Garner-type histories, or what Mr Garner himself calls histories of the heart. The ultimate aim is to get the children to match areas in their own existence with the experiences of their clders and see what lessons can be learnt

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1950 Film Makers' Competition.
5.05 John Craven's Newstound.
5.10 Blue Peter: A chance to win a ride on the footplate of a famous old steam locomotive.
5.35 The Perishers: comedy with Leonard Rossiter (r)
5.40 News: with Angela Rippon.
5.55 Nationaide: Includes the first of three reports by former ITN newscaster Regnald Bosanquet (see Personal Choice).
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8.05 Wildlife on One : Rhino Res-

cue. The lifestyle of what have become known as the "three-ton medieval knights of Africa"—the White Rhunos of the Hubhuwe and

9.00 For Schools, Colleges, 9.00 History (Britain alone); 9.25 Physical Science (microscopes); 9.47 Mathshow; 10.10 Merry-go-Round; 10.35 Scede (John Curry); 11.05 It's Maths; 11.30 Let's Look at Wates (1); 11.35 On the Rocks (United Kingdom), Closedown at 12.20

2.45 News and weather. 1.00 Pebble Mill at One: With another of Tony Bilbow's movie 1.45 Heads and Tails: Sounds that Talk (r).
2.00 You and Me: a r t o u (r).
2.15 For Schools, Colleges, 2.15
Music Time; 2.40 Television Club:

What's in a Name? Closedown at 3.55 Play School: Margaret Elliot s story Ball of String. 4.20 The Robonic Stooges. Cartoon, Woo Woo Wolfman. 4.25 Jackanory: Geoffrey Hinsiff reads Geoffrey Kilner's Joe Burreads Geoffrey Kiln kinshaw's Progress. 4.40 Screen Test: Four youngsters compete in the final of this movie quiz. Also, information about the

11.00 am Play School. Same as BBC 1, 3.55. Close down at 11.25. 5.05 pm Open University: The First Years of Life—the World at One. 5.35 Laurel and Hardy: Fixer Uppers (1935). Stanley and Oliver as Christmas card salesmen. Oliver as the challenged to a duel by a fealure.

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7.15 News: with sub-titles for the

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BBC 2

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really getting to grips with White-hall bureaucracy? Will the Rayner exercise work? Donald MacCor-mick talks to Andrew Pinder of the Inland Revenue (who is reporting on wasteful form filling) and Nor-man Warner, of the DHSS (social forurity navments) security payments).
8.00 ...1t's Patently Obvious,
Identify-the-invention quiz game,
chaired by Jolian Petrifer. The
competitors are Bill Maynaid Rula Lenska, Debby swallow and Wilf Lunn, also, a team from the Reyal Naval Air Station, Yeovilton. 8.30 Public School: Part 3 of this

Frenchman.
5.55 Film: The Ghost of St Michael's (1941). Will Hay plays the schoolmaster evacuated to the Isle of Skye where he becomes involved with Nazi spies and a local spook. Co-starring Claude Hulbert, Felix Aylmer and Charles Hautrey. Definitely one of Hay's documentary series about Radley School, a portrait of its Warden, Denms Silk. He is seen coping with problems such as two boys who got

> Champions Cup, at the Royal Albert Hall.
>
> 5.45 News 6.80 Thames News.
> 6.25 Help! Youth advice centres.
> Includes a visit to the Croydon Drop-In.
> 6.35 Crossroads: Motel serial.



5.15 Six of the Best: British gymnasts compete for the Daily Mirror Bernie Winters: ITV, 7.30

drunk.
9.00 Bi*A*S*H: War comedies. The mouse race—and what Major win-

path. 12.00 Close down: Ted Hughes's poem Wind is read by Lyndon Brook (r).

7.00 Wish You Were Here . Holidays round-up, with Judith Chalmers and Chris Kelly: To-night: cheap holidays in Romania (including Dracula country), and a weekend in Dublin. 7.30 Bernie: Comedy show starring Bernle Winters. With June Whit-field, Guest star is Diana Dors. 8.00 Armchair Thriller: Episode two of Dead Man's Kit. Naval thriller about the mysterious disappearance of a warship's master

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product. 9.00 News: with Richard Whit-

more. 9.25 Play for Today: Murder Rap.

Drama by Michael Hastings about race hatred and what one victim thes to do about it (See Personal

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Royal Hospital performed remarkable operations on the two men
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10.15 Richard Stilene: A toker

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10.45 Newsnight: The news and current affairs programme.

11.30 And Then We Sever: The life
and lives of Robert Burns. With
Kenneth McKellar and Jean Red-

12.07 am News headlines.

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8.20 TV Eye: Four American scien-tists explain why they think they have devised ways in which we can live longer-and live longer more 9.00 Chief of Detectives: New York

Police department thriller. With Joe Don Baker. 10.00 News.

10.30 Inside Business: After the Boat Show in London, the programme asks: Has the hoat-building business got a future, or will the better-funded foreign builders scurtle our home-based industry? 11.00 Lou Grant: Stories about a newspaper editor. Starring Edward Asner. Will a murderer make it seven in a row? 11.55 What the Papers Say Awards:

Roy Jenkins, president of the European Commission, presents the prizes. The winners' names' were announced on Tuesday. 12.25 am Close: Poems read by Yehudi and Diana Menuhin.

RADIO

2.00-3.00 pm For Schools: Living Language; Secondary Science; Look! 5.50 Remonal news, weather,

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12.02 pm You and Yours.
12.35 Weather.
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1.00 The World at One.
1.40 The Archers.
2.00 News.
2.02 Woman's Hour.
3.00 News. 1: Xenakis (Eridanos), Liszt.†

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9.30 The Laving World. 10.00 Yews. 10.05 Parent Power.

8.35 Yesterday to Parliament.

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Life: Sounds. Words and More-ment; Notice Board I; Stories and Rhymes. 10.45-12.00 For Schools: Salut les jeunes; Time and Tuzic; Man; Our Changing World.

11.00-11.30 Study on 4: The Bad

6.35 am Weather.

9.65 Week's Composer: Beethoven 10.00 Songs : G. Bush.+

12.45 Recorder trios: Handel, Van Eyck, Telemann, Berro, Vivaldi.† 11.36 Henover RSO/Tabachnik, pt 12.00 Talk: In Short. 12.10 pm HRSO, pt 2: Dvorak (Sym 4).†

I.05 Piano (Blackshaw, live from Manchester Royal Exchange): Haydn, Bartok, Franck.†

2.00 Hickox Singers and Orch, pt 1: Bach, Holst.† 2.55 Interval reading. 3.00 Hickox S and Ö, pt 2: Vaug-han Williams.†

nam Williams. 7 3.45 String Quartet (Fitzwilliam), piano (Schiller): Mozart (KI39), Schumann (incl Pno Quint in E Schumann (Incl. Prio Quant in E. 1811.);
4.55 News.
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9.15 Talk with music: Alassanet's Werther. † 10,15 Building a Library; Stravinsky (Rite) † vinsky (Rite).† 11.00 Music in Our Time: Warsaw Autumn 1979.† 11.55 News. 12.00-2.05 am Cricker: Australia v England.

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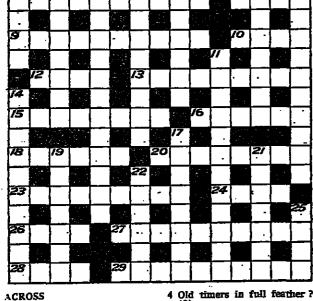
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Patertost.—On 29th January, after a brief iliness, of "Woodside". 30 Warnington Drive, Bessacart. Donaster, in her Stift year, Josephine Mary, dearly loved wife of the late Dr William Leonard Patrick, heloved mother of Stewart and Jolia and drouted grandmother of Nicholas, Rupert, Roube and Hazel. The service to be held at the Rose Hill Crematorium, Domaster, at 13.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 5th February. Inquiries to Stewart and Jolia and drouted grandmother of Nicholas, Rupert, Roube and Hazel. The service to be held at the Rose Hill Crematorium, Domaster, at 13.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 5th February. Inquiries to Stewart and Jolia and drouted grandmother of Nicholas, Rupert, Roube and Hazel. The service to be held at the Rose Hill Crematorium, Domaster, at 13.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 5th February. Inquiries to Stewart and Jolia and drouted grandmother of Nicholas, Rupert, Royal and Patron, of 15 Queens Court. Chaltenham, in her 90th year, Gladys Mary (nee Stewart), adored wife of Bertram Lamb Paarson, of 15 Queens Co BIR INDAYS

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